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SCHOOL BOARD'S NEW RULE

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The Local League Is Working Hard in Interest of National Meeting—Prof. James R. Harris Remembered by Students.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 3.—The time is opportune for some definite action on the part of the local Negro Business Men's League to do some real tangible work in the interest of the coming National Negro Business League, which meets here in August. All of the white conventions which hold their meetings here at an earlier date have made their arrangements, and committees have conferred with the Council and received their appropriations from the city of Louisville, anywhere from $1,000 to $10,000, as contributions.

So far as we can learn, there has been no concerted effort on the part of the local league to ask for an appropriation to assist in entertaining the prominent Negro men and women who will be here in August.

It would seem that a general committee of citizens might take up the matter themselves and see that such a movement is inaugurated.

If the league is too busy settling who shall be a member of the league or who shall serve on the various committees to give any attention to such an important matter, rather than allow it to go by default the young men of the city and the citizens who will be responsible for the hospitality of the city can well afford to take such a step, and we understand that in a few days this will be done.

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The local Negro Business Men's Club, composed of the young men of the city, will meet Monday night at the tailor shop of Haley & Hester, and permanent officers will be elected. An address will be delivered by B. H. Hankerson, of Chicago, Ill., on "Sartorial Art." He will be followed by short addresses from other members of the club. Refreshments will be served, and Mr. William Sanders will present the constitution and by-laws for adoption. Other business interests will come up for consideration.

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Under the new rules that came before the Louisville School Board recently, the appointing of school teachers by trustees will be taken from trustees and placed in the hands of the superintendent. "This is a step in the right direction," said one of the teachers yesterday.

For years the public schools have been in politics, and much harm has come of it. It is claimed that the rules are patterned after those of the city of Indianapolis, and much good is expected to come under the change of rules.

The change also provides that there are to be two assistant superintendents. Here is where the Negroes of this city should begin at once and get in their work for an assistant among the Colored schools of the city. They have them in Washington city, Lexington, Ky., and why not here? Most likely they will sit on their oars and let a good thing pass by.

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Mr. Phil Brown, one of the most widely known newspaper men in the country, now located in Hopkinsville, Ky., came all the way from the "night rider" district to see his friends, Williams and Walker. He was accompanied by his pleasant and congenial wife. Mr. Brown and ye scribe were admitted to the stage, and saw the two "monarchs of funmakers." Mr. Brown talked with Messrs. Williams, Shipp and Rogers. They brought up many happy incidents of their struggles while in New York in the primer class of their profession.

While they are successful men in their line of work, it is known that they, too, had their trials. "Phil" was at one time a space-slugger on one of the daily papers in New York. He had the brain and capacity, and he soon made progress and became one of the best newspaper men in the East. He has also written a number of lyrics and poems, chief of which are "Marching wid de Band." A few years later he became editor of the Hopkinsville Daily News, which was a paper of wide circulation and noted for its news and opinion. Mr. Brown is now confidential secretary of Mr. Atkinson, owner of one of the richest coal mines in the South. He is retained at a lucrative salary.

Mr. Brown has been trained in the profession that is usually the making of a successful man. Journalism is one that gives strength to the mind by active intellectual work. The contact and study of questions as they relate to the history of the day, reading and research, a practical mental grasp to do things, are among the opportunities given a newspaper man.

"Phil Brown," said Mr. Alex. Rogers, "was one of the brightest men in newspaper work, and his 'Marching wid de Band' belongs in the class of 'Emancipation Day.'"

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Louisville was visited last week by Dr. E. E. Underwood and Mr. T. K. Robb, of Frankfort, Ky., and their stay was most delightful. Louisville always welcomes men of such standing and usefulness in their homes. They are two of the most prominent men in the State of Kentucky, and are usually identified with those movements that tend toward the elevation of the race. They were here on business, but incidentally stopped in to see "Bandanna Land."

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Several very charming and dashing young women from the Blue Grass section were in the city last week. Hailing from Frankfort were Miss Letti eTodd, who was the guest of Mrs. Neros Jennings, on Fifth avenue; Misses Charity Boyd and Julia Spencer, who were the guests of Miss Charity Boyd Williams, on West Walnut street. The visitors were given a box party by Dr. Pinder Flach.

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Mr. J. W. Tolbert was given a very pleasant surprise by his wife last week, at 1414 West Walnut street. Mr. Tolbert had just returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where he had been for two weeks. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Jones Sanders, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Busey, Mesdames James Combs, Virginia Patterson, Misses Suzanne Gibson and Suzane Hughes, Messrs. S. B. Shouse, E. Young, G. Evans, B. Simms and W. Montjoy.

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Mr. John Y. Oliver, of Danville, Va., is in the city, the guest of Dr. Richard Oliver.

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New spring samples have arrived at the tailor shop of Messrs. Haley & Hester. These two young men have taken up where the late Mr. Hopson left off, and are doing nicely with the business. They need encouragement from the men of the race. A business institution of this kind can only be successful through patronage. The old men, as well as the young men, should see that these young men are successful.

It is really amusing sometimes to hear some men say, "Look what we are doing," and at the same time are doing nothing to foster the enterprise of which they speak. They have secured the services of Mr. B. H. Hankerson, of Chicago, Ill., a practical tailor, and his work already has met the approval of the fastidious young men of the city.

The young men are making as much ado about his tailor-made clothes as the public did of George Walker's.

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Word has been received here that Mr. B. Lincoln Teague, of Madisonville, Ky., has successful passed the civil service examination to carry mail on the rural route of that section, and that the "poor whites" are making an endeavor to keep him from performing this duty. Mr. Teague is one of the first young men in that community, and has attended many State Republican conventions as the choice of both white and black. It is to be hoped that the good sense of the people of that section will prevail, and not let prejudice of a few "red necks" become bigger than the government.

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Prof. James R. Harris, of the chair of history at the Central High School, has been ill at his home on Thirteenth street, suffering with rheumatism. As a testimonial of his popularity at the school, he has received a number of roses and carnations from students of the school. Mr. Harris is much better, and will be out in a few days.

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The Dispatch Printing Company has gone the boys one better and purchased a cylinder press from the Courier-Journal Job Company. It is one of the latest and most improved pressed owned by our people in the State. The Mission Herald and other printed matter of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board will be printed on this press. The Rev Jordan, manager of the Herald, is much pleased over this new addition to his up-to-date printing office.

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Mrs. William M. Tyler, wife of Mr. Tyler, violinist of the Williams and Walker show, is in the city, and will remain until the last of the week, when she will join her husband at Philadelphia. The report that she was seriously injured in Chicago was untrue.

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Miss Cora Miller, of Nashville, Tenn., was in the city last week, the guest of Mrs. Estella Lawson, 928 Magazine street. She was en route to her home from New York city.

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Mr. Lee L. Robinson, of Jeffersonville, Ind., and one of the most progressive young men of that city, who holds a responsible position at the government quartermaster's headquarters, was in the city last week to see Messrs. Williams and Walker.

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Mr. William H. Steward and others of this city left Tuesday for Washington city to attend the inaugural ceremonies of President W. H. Taft. For years Mr. Steward has been the foremost man of the city to represent Louisville at such functions, and no doubt he will on this occasion represent Louisville in a dignified and modest manner. He is the "Nestor of Negro Journalism," and can hold his own at any and all times.

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Miss Tellie C. Dorsey is expected to be in St. Louis, Mo., March 23, to be the guest of Mrs. Julius Campbell.

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Mr. Jefferies breaks the record at the new Mary Anderson Theater this week. For the first time since the new Mary Anderson Theater has been open a Negro has taken part in a play and recited his lines as others. The sketch is a racing scene, and Mr. Jefferies not only plays the part of the jockey, but has lines which he recites with vigor and promptness.

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Miss C. Ellis, of Lexington, Ky., was in the city last week, the guest of Miss Lucille Annis, in West Magazine street. She was given a theater party by Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore.

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Miss Sadie Evans, one of the most popular girls in this section, and a member of the choir of the Episcopal Church of Our Merciful Saviour, has been quite ill, and was detained from school several days.

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George Evans and Thomas Young, proprietors of the Dancing Academy, which meets every Tuesday night at Odd Fellows Hall, had to show their young blood last Tuesday night. According to Evans and Young, they have a contract to use the hall every Tuesday night during the year. But on Mardi Gras night, which came on last Tuesday night, Doc. Mathews, Burt Didge and others who are Odd Fellows undertook to use the hall, and advertised the same.

Young and Evans promptly secured an injunction against the Odd Fellow brethren, restraining them from the use of the hall. The constable served the injunction, and the Dancing Academy had their same Tuesday night. The injunction has been made permanent, and the dancing class will have the same night during this and the coming year, because the courts have so declared.

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Mr. Elridge Ganaway, one of the popular members of the Young Men's Progressive League, has arrived in the city, after several months' sojourn in the State of Tennessee.

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Mrs. Mary Leonard, who resides at 1405 Third street, left last week for Stanford, Ky., to bury her husband.

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Mr. Albert Collins, of the K. of P. Lodge, French Lick Springs, Ind., was brought to this city very ill, Monday, by Mr. W. M. O. Martin.

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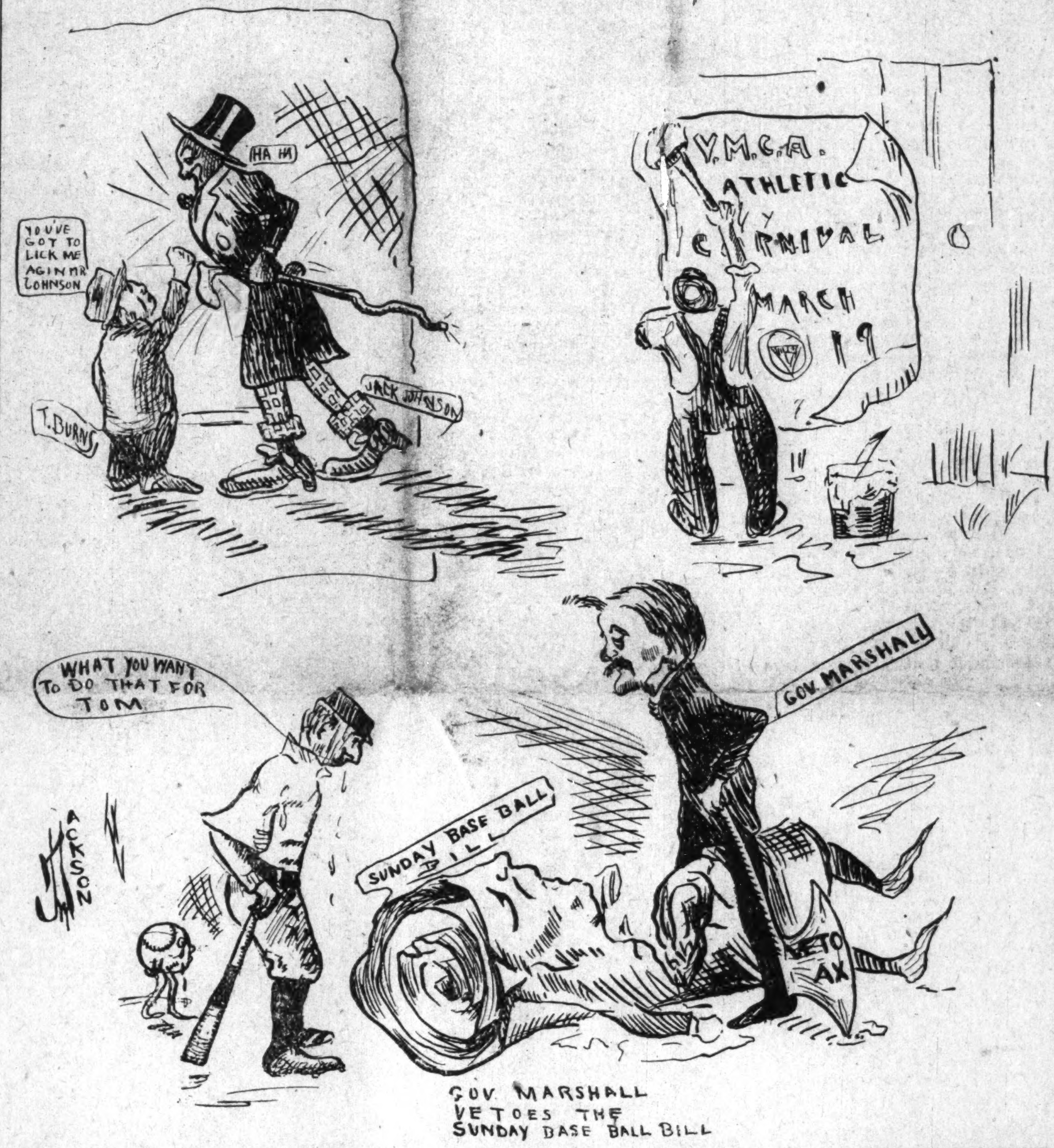
GOVERNOR MARSHALL VETOES BASE BALL BILL.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GOV. MARSHALL VETOES THE SUNDAY BASE BALL BILL

Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson White, of Birmingham, Ala., were in the city last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glass, 1121 West Chestnut.

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We are ver ypleased to received the Honor Roll of the eighth grade, of which Miss Eva P. Calbert is teacher, at the California School, of which Miss Lucy Du Vallee is principal. The students have made an average of 90 per cent. or above in scholarship, punctuality and deportment. On the scholarship list is Miss Eulah Todd. Deportment and attendance: Eulah Todd, Lucille Cook, Mamie Drew, Mabel Pendegrast, Maria Sebree, Alberta Steward, Louisa Anderson, Decora Simmons, Fannie McMickens, Alvinia Woods and William Ray.

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The following persons were here last week from French Lick and West Baden, Ind.: Miss Mattie Burdette, Mr. George Watson, Miss Carvella Jackson, Mr. James Briggs, Mr. Medie Wing, Mrs. Otis Burdette, Mrs. George L. Smith, Mr. Daniel Ricahrdson, Mr. Eddie Sebree, and others.

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Miss Gertrude Harding, of Lexington, Ky., was in the city, the guest of Mrs. Estella Lawson, of West Magazine street.

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The wife of Mr. Morris Cowan, one of the waiters at Seelback's Hotel, is in the city. She arrived last week from New York city.

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Mr. C. C. Overstreet, of Cincinnati, Ohio, made a trip here last week to visit his friends.

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Mr. Chip Lewis, of Indianapolis, Ind., was in the city last week on business.

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Miss Mattie Frye Young has returned from a delightful trip to West Baden, Ind.

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Mr. George Waddy, one of the "good fellows" of French Lick Springs, was in the city last week mingling with his many friends.

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Mr. Robert Clark has returned to the city, after spending several weeks in the State of Ohio. Mr. Clark will do same stage work at the New Pekin Theater.

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Mr. Theodore Wilder, of St. Louis, Mo., was in the city last week to visit his mother. Mr. Wilder is an old soldier, and has many relatives and friends in this city.

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The Rev. J. E. Harper, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is in the city conducting a revival at the Knox Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. C. B. Allen is pastor.

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Mrs. Edmonia Fish, of Indianapolis, Ind., is in the city, at 1301 West Madison street, with her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Lander. Mrs. Fish was formerly a Louisville girl, and she will remain in the city for an indefinite period.

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The citizens are saying that it is up to the local Negro Business League to right about face and do something tangible in the way of entertaining their guests this summer. The responsibility rests upon the citizens as well as the league.

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It is quite an interesting sight to see a number of our young girls at work at the Robinson-Norton overall factory, on Ninth street, near Main. Upwards of 100 girls are employed here to run machines which make overalls. Three young women, Mrs. Lottie Reeves, Misses Eugenia Pierce and Lizzie Lane, are among the instructors.

Each young girl is given whatever she makes, and this ranges according to her ability to run the machines. A number have proven to be experts, and they are able to command a neat income weekly at this kind of industrious work.

The work of the young women has proven very successful, and seldom is there a complaint. Most of the young people have been schooled, and in looking over them at their work it can be seen that they are young people of training.

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Mr. Atwood Crutchfield, of Anchorage, Ky., and the brother of Mr. A. H. Crutchfield, proprietor of the Keystone Cafe, was in the city last week.

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The high water has reached the people in Portland, and many had to leave their happy homes. Continuous rains have caused people along the Ohio to seek other quarters. A great deal of damage has been done, and more is expected.

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The Rev. I. T. Ballou will be installed in the Parkland Baptist Church on Sunday, March 14. Special musical services will be given by the choir.

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Bishop Charles E. Woodcock, of the Episcopal Church, will visit the Church of Our Merciful Savious, March 7, at 8 o'clock. Bishop Woodcock will administer the rights of confirmation, and special music is being arranged for the occasion. The Rev. Leroy Ferguson will recite the ritualistic services. Special preparations are being made to have a large Easter service at the Church of Our Merciful Saviour.

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Miss Nellie Berry and Mr. Daniel Drennon were quietly married at the bride's residence, 226 East Green street, last Sunday night, by the Rev. D. A. Gaddie, of the Green Street Baptist Church. Only a few friends of the contracting parties were present at the wedding. They will take a trip soon to a number of points in Tennessee.

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A handsome three-quarter Berlin carriage was received yesterday at the Watson undertaking establishment, corner Tenth and Chestnut streets. The carriage came from James Cunningham & Sons, of Rochester, N. Y.

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Miss India Harris, of 1020 West Green street, left this week for Memphis, Tenn., and she will go from there to Chicago. During her stay she will visit friends and relatives.

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Mrs. Lee Turpen was the general entertainer at Miss Tennie Hayl's wedding, Feb. 24.

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For three years your correspondent has on all occasions encouraged Negro business enterprises. We learn authoritatively that Mr. Philip Clinton Martin, a relative of Mrs. Lavenia Watson Cooper, is soon to open a news and cigar stand. It will be next to the business place of Mrs. Cooper, who is one of the most widely known business women in the State. Mr. Martin states that he hopes to sell THE FREEMAN, New York Age, New York Review, Chicago Conservator, and other papers and magazines.

We deem this a very wise step. It is a new field, and only needs working in this city. There are hundreds of people here who would be pleased to read the above papers, but they have no place to purchase them regularly.

A Negro news stand and cigar store would be a new feature among the Louisville business young men, and it takes only push and hustle to make it go. We can say to Mr. Martin that, as a correspondent, we pledge him our support and bid him Godspeed.

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One of the prettiest dinner parties given here this season was that of Mr. Thomas Schuck in honor of Mr. Matt Housley, of the Williams and Walker company. The dinner was give nat the residence of Mrs. Adams, 612 Tenth street, last Friday afternoon. The beautiful home of Mrs. Adams was charmingly decorated for the occasion, and the affair proved to be a most enjoyable success.

During the early part of the afternoon Mr. Glover Compton, the well-known piano player, furnished music for the occasion, and all the Williams and Walker songs were played and sung.

The dining table was banked with beautiful roses; in the center was a mound of flowers, and at topmast was a flag bearing the name "Williams and Walker."

The dinner, which was served under the direction of Mr. Tohmas Schuck, in Sealback style, was delicious. It was served in courses, accompanied with wines. Those present were: Misses Lillian Brown, Bertha Clark, Elenora Willson, Margie De Massay, Marguerite Ward, Jessie Elkis, Messrs. Matt Housely, Edward Goodbarr, Dr. Arthur Payne, Cary B. Lewis, F. B. Williams, Thomas Shuck, Glover Compton, Max Sanders, Walter Hillard, J. B. Adams and Morris Cowan. Mr. Shuck was assisted in giving the dinner by Messrs. Cowan and Sanders.

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Miss Tillie C. Dorsey will be the guest of Mr. Julius Campbell at St. Louis, March 23.

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Louisville has the honor of having the youngest Colored checker player in Kentucky. She is the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Shipley, 1214 West Chestnut street.

Mr. J. W. Tolbert was given a very pleasant surprise party by his wife at their residence, 1414 West Walnut street, Thursday night. Mr. Tolbert just returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where he spent a very pleasant two weeks. Mrs. Tolbert's guests included Messrs. and Mesdames James Saunders, of Washington, D. C.; William H. Marshall, Nathaniel E. Busey, Thomas Coleman, James Combs; Mesdames Virginia Patterson, Suzanne Hughes and Miss Susie Gibson; Messrs. George Evans, E. Young, Samuel B. Shouse, J. Bridgeford Simms, William Monjoy and Mr. Beverly, of Washington, D. C.

Agents are always desired by the management of The Freeman. Write for terms.

NEW PARK FOR NEGROES

WILL BE OPENED IN APRIL AT DAYTON, O.

OWNED AND OPERATED BY MOSE MOORE

All Kinds of Amusements and Attractions—Much Interest is Evidenced by Race—Will Probably Have Stock Company.

A new feature that will be received by the Colored people of Dayton with great satisfaction is a Colored pleasure park for Colored people, owned and operated exclusively by Colored financiers and managers. This idea suggested itself to Mose C. Moore recently, and as the result Dahomey Park will be opened for the benefit of his race April 15, 1909.

This park will replace the famous old roadhouse owned by Mr. Moore, and which he recently closed when he sold his Market street property. Additional buildings, along with the remodeling of several others on the place, will serve as the first feature in the new Colored park.

Flying horses, shooting galleries, bowling alleys, a scenic railway, baseball, basketball, throwing at the babies, etc., and most every feature of innocent pleasure indulged in at white pleasure resorts will be in evidence at Dahomey Park. Soda fountains, peanut and popcorn roasters will be conspicuous, as under no conditions will intoxicating drinks or disreputable characters be admitted. Dancing will be indulged in the new auditorium, which will also house the theater and moving picture show.

With these attractions, and with the race interest evidenced, as well as being put into practical operation, the Negroes of Dayton can well be proud of having the first Nego park, backed by Negro capital only, in the State of Ohio. Realizing that various parks in this community are not in a position to properly cater to the thousands of Colored pleasure seekers who come to Dayton on the various excursions, Dahomey Park will be in a position to cater to the Colored race.

Everything will be decidedly Colored at this park, from the lemonade to the doll babies, which latter feature will be like the "Colored dolls for Colored children" idea.

In connection with the contemplated execution of his plans, Mr. Moore is ably assisted by his energetic wife, Mrs. Marion Smart Moore, who has traveled extensively throughout this country and abroad. She has been in an excellent position to see the advantages and disadvantages under which her race labors under social and economic conditions. Dahomey Park was named by Mrs. Moore in honor of the peerless stars of the Negro race, Williams and Walker, personal friends of the Moore family.

It is possible that every church society and club will be given options on buying stock in the company, should the Dahomey Park Company go into a stock company, thereby giving to each organization an equal chance to encourage a race enterprise as well as controlling a feature that speaks well for the energy and thrift of Ohio Negroes.

Several Colored excursions from out of town have been books to spend the day at the Colored park during July and August, and it is possible that several Negro conventions booked for Dayton this year will co-operate with Dahomey.

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. I. V. Linson is sick, suffering with lagrippe, at her home on College Hill.... Mr. W. M. Tave made a flying trip to Denison Sunday....Mr. Med Margo and Elie Smith were in Jefferson Sunday.... Tinge Cozine has returned from a trip on a freight train....There was a beautiful church wedding Saturday night, at 8 o'clock, at Hew Hope Baptist Church, Mr. A. G. Torrence and Mrs. Anna Jones. Mrs. F. H. Conley played the wedding march. Mr. Dan Rodgers was the best man and Mrs. Dan Rodgers was the matron of honor. The wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Banks, cousin of the bride....Dr. J. H. Conley, one of Greenville's most honored Colored doctors, will now make Fort Worth his home. He stands one among the first-class doctors in this State.... Little Ida Murrell White was in Sulphur Springs with her mother last week.... Mrs. Maggie Jackson was up from her school at Hawkins last week to see her mother....Mr. Mack Hopkins was off his run a few days, and Mr. Pleas Reed took out his train....Mr. George Huston died Monday morning at 6 o'clock at the home of his sister, on East Hill, after a brief illness of fever, which later developed into pneumonia.

PARIS, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Professor Mayo, of Frankfort, Ky., was in our city las tweek....Henry Letton will visit Indianapolis during the M. E. Conference....Mrs. Linia B. Hinchman has been on the sick list....Steven Moore was married recently to Miss Mary Hock. ....We have five churches in our city, with large memberships....Ed Jackson, wife, and friend Showers, of Lexington, were in our city visiting....Miss Louisa Miller has returned home....Miss Belle Morrow entertained a few friends at her beautiful hilltop home last Sunday....We have four Colored doctors and two undertakers, who do all the work among our people....We have about twelve lodges in our city. All have good bank accounts and a large membership.

BREWER HILLS, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Hattie Shaw and Nancy Wilson called at the school to arrange for a program to be carried out by them and the teacher, Prof. George Tompkins....Mr. H. J. Thomson preached at Brury Hills last Sunday. A good crowd was out....Mr. Ben Wilson is still on the sick list.... High water is likely to prevent some of the children from coming to school.

Old World News.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Last Monday marked the passage of a year since Europe was shocked and saddened by the news of the assassination of Don Carlos and his eldest son. The impression made by the tragic event is still vivid in the minds of most of us, and the career of the young King Manuel has been followed with a very real sympathy in Europe during the past year. For a youth, at such a moment, and with so heavy a heart, to mount the steps of the throne of Portugal was an ordeal demanding the highest qualities of character. These the young king has displayed, though the strain has told upon his health, and he has won the popularity among his subjects which he deserves.

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A peculiar will has been left by an old inhabitant of Wootton, a suburb of London. He willed that on every anniversary of his death 40 shillings ($10) should be paid out of his estate to each boy who would lay his hand on the deceased's tombstone and recite from memory the Lord's Prayer, the Commandments and the Creeds, besides reading a chapter of the Epistle to the Corinthians.

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One of the most successful composers of popular songs in England is Miss Ira Aldridge, daughter of the late Ira Aldridge, the distinguished Negro actor, who made London his home for many years prior to his death. Miss Aldridge besides being a gifted composer is also one of England's finest contraltos, having studied for some time with Jenny Lind, the great "Swedish Nightingale."

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In London, "Postmasters may arrange for the conduct of a person to an address by an express messenger." So runs an interesting instruction in the Post Office Guide. Although the practice has been in vogue for some little time, it is surprising how few people know that a man can post himself, his wife or his baby, whenever he feels so inclined. A novel application of this human postal service is in the case of the deaf, an interesting example of which has just been brought to notice.

A deaf young lady was invited as a bridesmaid to a friend's wedding. She lives in one of the southern suburbs, and the ceremony was to take place at a church on the opposite side of London. On the morning of the wedding the city was enveloped in a particularly dense fog and the bridesmaid's mother strongly recommended her daughter to stay at home and not run the risk of trying to find her way through a district with which she was wholly unacquainted.

Suddenly, however, the mother remembered that this was a case where the intervention of the Post Office would be exceptionally useful, and without futrher delay the prospective bridesmaid was "posted." Chaperoned by her messenger, she reached the residence of the bride just in time to proceed to the church.

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A very interesting letter has appeared in the London *Weekly Times*, written on the American Negro by Sir Harry Johnston, who has been in America some months. It is a finely written article by an unbiased Englishman and shows us to the European world in our best light. An extract from his letter is as follows:

"The Negro is destined to be nothing but a 'hewer of wood and a drawer of water' is the parrot-cry that each untraveled, ignorant white politician utters oratorically and in the press. Fortunately, there are many thousand sane, educated, far-seeing white men and women who know better. And all the time this stale nonsense is being repeated there are Negro doctors, electricians, botanists, agronomists, musicians, poets, preachers, teachers, lawyers, masons, and mechanics at work who give the lie to this worn-out expression."

For some years Sir Harry Johnston has been interested in the development of Liberia, the Negro Republic of Africa.

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At Hamburg, Germany, on Feb. 3, one hundred years ago, was born Felix Mendelssohn (Barthody), the great composer. Musical festivals commemorating this fact are now being held in all the musical centers of Europe. Your correspondent had the good fortune a few days ago to visit the house in which the famous composer lived during one of his visits to London and where, it is said, he wrote the popular "Spring Son." Mendelssohn died at Leipzig November 4, 1847.

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More facts have come to hand regarding the firing on a German liner by the Liberian gunboat "Lark." Among the passengers who were landed at Plymouth last week from the West African liner "Aro" was Mr. F. L. M. Somerville, late chief officer of the Liberian gunboat "Lark." Mr. Somerville stated that he joined the "Lark," which was commanded by Captain Bugge, six months ago. The vessel was employed by the Liberian Government to patrol the coast to prevent smuggling. The custom had been that when a suspected vessel was within the three miles limit she was signalled to heave to for the inspection of her papers. If the vessel did not obey the order, a blank shot was fired and if no notice was taken a live shot was fired across her bows. During the time Mr. Somerville was in the "Lark" half a dozen English vessels and two German vessels were fired on. On the occasion when the Woermann liner was fired on, Mr. Somerville was on the bridge with the captain. It was night, but a flash of lightning disclosed a large steamer within the prohibited area. The usual signals were unheeded and it was decided to fire a live shot. Mr. Somerville himself aimed the gun, so that the missile should go over the vessel. Although the Germans allege that the vessel was struck, Mr. Somerville was certain that it was not. A heavy rainstorm came on and the "Lark" did not see the vessel again.

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A very interesting note comes from Birmingham, England, telling of the refusal of the Licensing Sessions of that city to renew a license to an American manager of a skating rink who some weeks ago refused admittance to an African student of Birmingham University solely on account of color. The licensing chairman states that the license will not be renewed until the American manager apologizes and promises to admit everybody of good behavior, irrespective of color, religion, nationality or creed.

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Hon. James Peterson, the well-known Negro politician of Mobile, Ala., is expected in London soon. Mr. Peterson, who is an official in the Mobile Postoffice, will make a tour of Europe before returning to America.

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The King and Queen of England are (at this writing) on a "state" visit to the German Emperor at Berlin. It will be remembered that the King of England is an uncle of the German Emperor.

SOLDIER BOYS ENJOY FEAST.

MADISON BARRACKS, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1909.—Feb. 22, 1909, being a holiday, was most enjoyable to the members of the 24th Infantry stationed at Madison Barracks, N. Y. The weather was fine for northern New York, the lake afforded excellent skating and ice-boating, then each company gave a holiday dinner, inviting all friends.

Company C extended invitations to all ladies, both in town and in the post, so the company was honored with a greater number present than any of the other companies. The dining room was elaborately decorated with flags, colored paper and electrical effects, a large garrison flag completely covered one side of the room, while smaller flags and bunting could be seen all about the room. As the door to th dining room was opened the word "Welcome" in large letters could be seen.

The menu for the day consisted of baked chicken with dressing, roast pork, chicken au jus, bread, cream corn, garden peas, sweet pickles, potato salad, bean salad with mayonize dressing, mixed candies, assorted nuts, raisins, figs, dates, marble cake, chocolate cake, white cake, mince pies, coffee, tea, cocoa. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock, after which the dining room was converted into a ballroom and dancing was indulged in until 11 o'clock.

The members of Company C recently presented the 47th Regiment, New York National Guard, with a loving cup, in appreciation of the courtesies shown them on January 1, 1909, when they took part in the Emancipation celebration in Brooklyn. Each of the following churches of Brooklyn were presented with communion sets: Concord Baptist Church, Bridge Street A. M. E. Church, and Fleet Street A. M. E. Zion Church.

Corporal Horace Jones, who has been absent for three months on furlough, is once more on duty with his company.

The Christian Endeavor Society gave an entertainment on Thursday night, Feb. 18. An interesting literary and musical program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

The chorus, consisting of members of Company C, is doing great work; also the Christian Endeavor Society. They can be seen in the chapel each Sunday evening.

THE MAMMY AND THE MISTRESS IN OTHER DAYS.

In the window of an art store in Indianapolis recently there was a most striking and most beautiful picture of the days before the war, one may say. It was of two women; no small, insignificant picture even in size—it was a big picture, not less than two and one-half by three feet in dimensions. It was not crowded with scenery; it would have been useless. The subjects were sufficient to hold the mind entranced; the mind would not have taken notte of anything else. The artist knew it; knew that any notable setting or background would have detracted from the story to be read in the deep-meaning faces, also in their posture and in their relative attitudes. One of these women was an old Southern Negro mammy, the other a beautiful young white woman.

As we think it, the old mamy comes in for first consideration. The artists have, from time to time, drawn mammies, but they have not drawn any like this one. They have drawn the regulation headgear, but not like that which adorned the head of this Negro woman. She comes in first from the art side. We may see white women done in all styles every day, but not the mammies. We said this story belongs to the South, and why? Simply because of the costumes. If not of the Negro woman, which has not materially changed for that class of women, then by that of the young white woman, with her furbelows and flounces with wide expanse indicative of earlier days. The costumes of either were beautiful; fairly classical in that time will not make them hiaeous—not even ugly.

We said we would give the Negress first consideration, because of the greater art value. Yet, the way is not clear to do so unless we have done so in the mention. One will not be described without the other; their relations are interdependent—either would mean nothing without the other. The mammy alone would be a prim, highly "appropriate" servant in a first-class Southern home; the white woman alone would be a pensive maid, struck hard by some calamity in her affairs, sick in mind, being administered restoratives by the soothing touch of the mammy's hands and through her rich, warm tones.

We suspect that it were a love affair. She must confide in some one. Those of her social equality must not know about it. Even her relations must not know about it. None but the old black mammy shall be the repository of the knowledge. So it appears that there were times when the relations between mistress and slave approached a plane that social equality could not reach. "To you, Mr. and Mrs. Social Equality, I will relate my financial distresses; to you, kinsman and kinswoman, I will chronicle my bodily ills; but to you, Oh most trusted and loved mammy, I bare my heart—none reading save you and God," she might well say.

The two sat at some broad expanse and open, where the sky and sea were in the clear. The Negro woman, fairly tall, fine of figure, looking as having descended from the loins of African kings. She was nobility as far as her Negro nature permitted it to show. Her dress, of good material, was straight from head to foot, of ample folds, showing that the limit was reached in clothing her according to the custom. The long, white apron reached high up, looking a trifle like a low-necked garment; it reached low, protected her whole front—in fact, of the same ample proportions as her dress. Her dead dress—oh, 'twas her crowning glory! It was the 'kerchief style that is known, but it had class, looking as distinguished as the Grecian psyche. It was also ample and of good quality. In all, she was a most complete figure of comfort and satisfaction. She would not have exchanged places with many white people, if we judge by all we have mentioned.

The young white woman was one of those dream creatures that are sometimes met in the world, but none too often. As stated before, her dress was most generous in girth and of the richest material. About her neck, waist and shoulders lay a wealth of lighter stuff—drapery in effect, especially about the arms. About the neck it was plainer—rather Puritan-like. She wore no jewelry whatever; it would have detracted from her. She was a beauty in fee simple. We rather suspect she was true to her outer presentation—plain, rich in the manifestation of the qualities that make for womanhood.

But love is no respecter of persons; he runs riot at times, routing the best disposed, the sweetest, the mildest, knowing naught more of the daughter of Southern aristocracy than the daughter of the "pleb." Though things had gone wrong in this instance, and we find the daughter of aristocracy at her earthly confessional that she may gain consolation of sympathy. And who in the wide, wide world can render it if not this steady confidant of the years? Scarce had those young eyes peeped on day when they gazed in that kindly black face. Through the years when fevers scorched, pain raged, when the doctors wagged their learned heads in doubt, the black face was the sun of hope, the court of the last resort. Never mind the doctor, never mind the patient—look into mammy's face. What do you read there—hope or despair? Ever anxious about her little angel, she, the good evangel, had tended her feet up until this time. The little secrets had been kept when she was little; now that she was older the greater secrets also will be kept. Standing between her and harm was the mission of the mammy not to betray her trust, was the first principle in her honor code.

The girl's face is pictured as in sorrow. The beautiful in sorrow! Of soul; of disposition, is what wins man against himself. Abraham Lincoln was beautiful of soul; the world mourns today because such a beautiful soul suffered. As perplexed love so often does, she looks away, into the dim distance, losing thought to the waves of eternity, while the old maid soothingly strokes her hand that she do not approach too near the precipice and be lost, speaking only when expected. She is not forgetful of the fact that the difference between them socially is as that between night and day. Yet she seems to know that she enjoys a relation scarcely less than sacred; but she enjoys it with a calm reserve that guarantees continued trust. The love stress of the young mistress, doubtless puzzling to her since, "Ma honey angel is de sweetest in de whole roun' worl' and stan's in need ob nuthin'; to save my life Ah can't understand it."

But mammy need not despair; there are others equally solicitous about a happy solution, even to the party of the first part. No, the course of true love does not run smooth—it belongs to the economics of love-making. Each must have a portion of experiment, and which, by the way, enhances the thing. Nor is the beautiful sympathy wasted such as is depicted in the mammy's face; it is but another ingredient making the whole richer for it.

Beautiful black mammy, beautiful white woman, how odd your mutual regard! Mistress, slave, confidant—a trinity of circumstance the memory of which survives the horrid shock of war. As the past glides in the distance we should cling fast to the memory of this beautiful relationship, which will not be seen again.

THE JAPANESE QUESTION GROWING.

In spite of all of the high-flown talk of cordial relations existing between our country and Japan, the contrary was decidedly proved last week, at least in California, by the action of the Legislature of that State. Of course the lawmakers had no thought of offending Japan; they had in mind the preservation of the Pacific coast to the white man, as it has been said. Japan is a stickler for treaty rights—seeks to care for its citizens wherever they are, and especially if a contract has been made to that effect.

As we view it, the Japanese are merely contending for the treatment accorded other nations—white nations, it may be said—and with more truth, since the Chinese are also under the ban of unpopularity on the Pacific coast, and who are protesting at the discrimination in favor of the Japanese as against them. It is a "pretty kettle of fish," to say the least. The questions are of a kind that give no promise of satisfactory settlement. The nations, the Americans and the Mongolians, are opposed in character and disposition in most respects, and it is safe to say will never assimilate. Competition in the industries can not mean what it means generally elsewhere. The methods of living by the foreigners mean the possibility of living on much less than is required for others. Consequently work is cheapened, making it impossible for others to make it, while the yellow nations thrive under the conditions.

These and similar conditions and their outgrowths are what affects the Pacific States. The Negroes will not enter into the quarrel with spirit, knowing of their own trials and tribulations along somewhat similar lines. All fair-minded men, however, Negroes or what not, who know anything of the life of th eMongolians, know that if they came in too great numbers it would be the worse for the country. This purely from the standpoint of racial disposition, and which is so deeply fixed in those two peoples, the Japanese and Chinese. Again, we say, owing to the disposition they would prosper and become rich where the American, as best known, would fail to make it. The American gives no sign of making his life conform to that of the Japanese and Chinese. Yet if they fail to do so where these people are in large numbers, they know the consequences.

It is not difficult to see where the rub is. But the American spirit of welcome has become a characteristic of the people. The Californians or Americans generally take no pleasure in the closed doors to any people; they have tried to drive around this question for years—by restriction, by transportation; but the issue had to be met squarely. The yellow nations are to be freely of us or excluded. What will it be? As Negroes we refuse to answer. The situation is regretable in that Japan, the mother country, has tried to be on peace terms with our country, because that country appears the soul of honor and will in no instance fail of its duty as it concerns other nations, because it seems to look on the United States as nearest its own type when it comes to sacredness of compact; because it looks as if the Japanese are to be disappointed in us.

But with all this, can the American citizen afford to sacrifice his opportunity of existence? Can he afford to drag down his higher ideals of life? Can he afford to set fort thhe advantages of his country to be despoiled by those who have no advantages to offer? Will he do it?

In all of this we have the utmost respect for Japan; the country is actually entitled to consideration at the hands of enlightened nations. We make no mistake when we say that it receives consideration at the hands of enlightened nations. It is just what Mr. Roosevelt meant when he asked the California Legislature to hold up. The President has shown the utmost solicitude for the Japanese, and because the honor and integrity of the country are involved. He would save these—honor, integrity—even if it meant inconvenience to the state.

Complaint to Quiet Title.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:
In the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana.
The Greenfield Lumber and Ice Co. (a corporation) vs. William R. Smith, et al.
No. 17652.
Complaint to quiet title.

Be it known, that on the 15th day of February, 1909, the above named plaintiff, by its attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, its complaint against the above named defendants, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendants, William R. Smith; the heirs of William R. Smith, deceased, whose names are unknown; Frances Smith, the wife of William R. Smith; the heirs of Frances Smith, deceased, wife of William R. Smith, whose names are unknown; Oscar Stevens; the heirs of Oscar Stevens, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Stevens, the wife of said Oscar Stevens; the heirs of —— Stevens, deceased, the wife of said Oscar Stevens, whose names are unknown; John Kirkland; the heirs of John Kirkland, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Kirkland, the wife said John Kirkland; the heirs of —— Kirkland, deceased, the wife of said John Kirkland, whose names are unknown; Adrian Rivet; the heirs of Adrian Rivet, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Rivet, the wife of said Adrian Rivet; the heirs of —— Rivet, deceased, wife of said Adrian Rivet, whose names are unknown; Mary E. Plummer, widow of Collamer Plumber, deceased; the heirs of Mary E. Plummer, deceased, the wife of Collamer Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Collamer Plummer; the heirs of Collamer Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Naaman Plummer; the heirs of Naaman Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said Naaman Plummer; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, the wife of said Naaman Plummer, whose names are unknown; Harrison Plummer; the heirs of Harrison Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said Harrison Plummer, deceased; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said Harrison Plummer, whose names are unknown; Hester Plummer; the heirs of Hester Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Louise Colley; the heirs of Louise Colley, deceased, whose names are unknown; Sims A. Colley, husband of said Louise Colley; the heirs of Sims A. Colley, deceased, husband of said Louise Colley, whose names are unknown; James Plummer; the heirs of James Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said James Plummer; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said James Plummer, whose names are unknown; Amanda Plummer; the heirs of Amanda Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Mary Jane Plummer; the heirs of Mary Jane Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Coleman Plummer; the heirs of Coleman Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said Coleman Plummer; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said Coleman Plummer, whose names are unknown; Jonathan Plummer; the heirs of Jonathan Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, wife of said Jonathan Plummer; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said Jonathan Plummer, whose names are unknown; Martha Smith; the heirs of Martha Smith, deceased, whose names are unknown; George W. Smith, husband of said Martha Smith; the heirs of George W. Smith, deceased, husband of said Martha Smith, whose names are unknown; Lucy Plummer; the heirs of Lucy Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Louisa Plummer; the heirs of Louisa Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Thomas Plummer; the heirs of Thomas Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said Thomas Plummer; the unknown heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said Thomas Plummer, whose names are unknown; Alley Ann McConnell; the heirs of Alley Ann McConnell, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— McConnell, the husband of said Alley Ann McConnell; the heirs of —— McConnell, deceased, husband of said Alley Ann McConnell, whose names are unknown; Malinda Carr; the heirs of Malinda Carr, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Carr, the husband of said Malinda Carr; the heirs of —— Carr, deceased, husband of said Malinda Carr, whose names are unknown; Abiather Fish; the heirs of Abiather Fish, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Fish, the wife of said Abiather Fish; the heirs of —— Fish, deceased, the wife of said Abiather Fish, whose names are unknown, and Anna Rogers, are not residents of the State of Indiana, and said cause is to quiet title, and that the last above named defendants are necessary parties thereto; and whereas, said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendants to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto, on the 24th day of April, 1909.

Now, therefore, by order of said Court, said defendants last above named are hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against them, and that unless they appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause, on the 24th day of April, 1909, the same being the 18th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in April, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in their absence.

LEONARD M. QUILL, Clerk.
Cook & Cook, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss.:
In the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana.
Elsie G. Victor vs. Charles T. Victor.
No. 17678.
Complaint, Divorce.

Be it known that on the 24th day of February, 1909, the aboved named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defandant, Charles T. Victor, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Charles T. Victor, is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto; and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 28th day of April, 1909.

Now therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him, and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 28th day of April, 1909, the same being the 21st judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in April, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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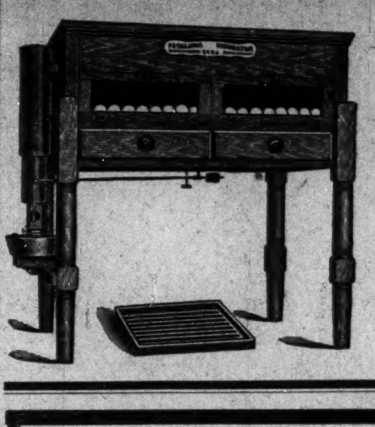

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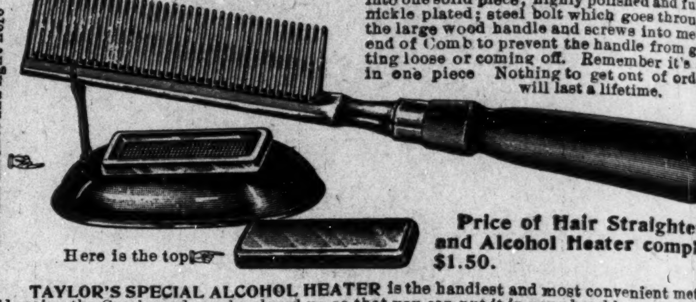
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"And that will be about twenty-four hours if you don't keep quiet. Why didn't he put up his hands when I hollered? He starts to wrastle an' pull his gun, an' I had to nail him." McKee shuddered in spite of his bravado.

Pulling himself together with an apparent effort, he continued: "We'll hold the money fer a spell, not spend a cent uv it till this thing blows over. They'll never git us. Here; we'll divide it."

"Keep it all. I never want to touch a penny of it," said Bud earnestly, moving along the ground to place a greater distance between him and the murderer.

"Thanks. But you don't git out uv yer part in the holdup that easy. Take yer share or I'll blow it into you," said McKee, pulling his revolver.

Bud, with an effort, arose and walked over to Buck. With clinched fists, in agonized tones, he cried: "Shoot if you want to! I wish I'd never seen you! You dragged me into this! You made me your accomplice in a murder!"

McKee looked at him in amazement. This phase of human character was new to him, trained as he had been on the border, where men rarely suffered with remorse and still more rarely displayed it.

"Shucks! I killed him. You didn't have no hand in it," answered Buck. "This hain't my first killin'. I guess Buck McKee's pretty well known in some sections. I took all the chances. I did the killin'. You git half. Now, brace up an' take yer medicine straight."

"But I didn't want to take the money for myself," replied Bud as if to soothe his conscience. "Oh, Buck, why didn't you let me alone?" he continued as the thought of his position again overwhelmed him.

Buck gasped at the shifting of the full blame upon his shoulders.

"Well, I'll be darned!" he muttered. "You make me sick, kid." His voice rose in anger and disgust. "Why, to hear you talk one would think you wuz the only one had right feelin's. I'm goin' to take my share an' start a decent life. I'm goin' back to Texas an' open a saloon. You take yer half, marry yer gal an' settle down right here. 'Ole Man' Terrill's dead. Nothin' will bring him back, an' you might as well git the good uv the money. It's Slim Hoover's, anyhow. If Jack Payson can marry yer brother Dick's gal on Dick's money—fer there's no hope uv stoppin' that now—you can cut Slim out with Polly on Slim's salary. Aw, take the money!" And McKee pressed half of the bills into Bud's lax fingers.

The young man's hand closed upon them mechanically. A vague thought that he might some day make restitution conspired with McKee's insidious appeal to his hatred and jealousy to induce him to retain the blood money, and he thrust it within an inside pocket of his loose waistcoat.

"Now," said McKee, thoroughly satisfied that he had involved Bud in the crime too deeply for him to confess his share in it, "we'll shake hands an' say 'Adois.' Slim Hoover's probably on our track by this time, but I reckon he'll be some mixed in the trail around the mesa an' give the job up as a bad one when he reaches the river. I'll show up on the Lazy K, where the whole outfit will swear I've been fer two days if Hoover picks on me as one uv the men he's been follerin'. You're safe. Nobody 'd put killin' anybody on to you, let alone yer ole frien' Terrill. Why, you ain't a man yet, Bud, though I don't say it to discurrudge you. You've made a start, an' some day you won't think no more'n me uv killin' a feller what stan's in yer way. I shouldn't be so turribly su'prised if Jack Payson got what's comin' to him some day. But what have you got there, Bud?" he inquired as he saw the young man holding a letter he had withdrawn from the pocket into which he had put the bills.

"Letter I got in Florence yesterday when I was too full to read it," said Bud. He opened it. "Why, it's from Polly!" he exclaimed. "It's an invite—by God, it's an invite to Jack and Echo's wedding! It's tomorrow! The scoundrel has hurried the thing up for fear Dick will get back in time to stop it! Buck McKee, I believe you're right! I could kill Jack Payson with no more pity than I would a rattler or Gila monster!"

At this exhibition of hatred by his companion a new thought flashed suddenly through the Satanic mind of the half breed. It involved an entire change of his plans, but the devilish daring of the conception was irresistible.

"Say," he broke in, with seeming irrelevance, "don't Payson ride a pacin' mare?"

"Yes," answered Bud. "What of it?"

"Oh, nothin'," said McKee. "It jes' struck me as sorter funny—Payson an' pacin', don't you see"—

Bud was mystified. Had his companion gone daft?

McKee saw instantly that it would be very easy to fix the charge of murdering the station agent upon Payson. The ranchman had evidently left the station a short time before the murder and had gone straight south to the Sweetwater. Unless it had become confused with their own tracks the trail would be a plain one owing to the fact that it was made by a pacing horse, and the pursuit would undoubtedly follow this.

Payson rode the only pacing horse in the Sweetwater and Bar One outfits, and it was certain to come to light from Terrill's receipts that he had been with the agent about the time of the killing. The motive for the robbery would be evident. Payson was in need of $3,000 to pay off the mortgage on his ranch.

McKee said to Bud: "I've changed my mind. I think I'll see a little fun before I break fer Texas. I'll go with you to the weddin'."

"But you have had no invite," objected Bud.

"Oh, I reckon they'll take me along on yers! I know too much fer Payson to objeck to me too strenuous."

They rode up to Allen Hacienda shortly after Slim Hoover had arrived. They could hear the merriment of the wedding guests in the kitchen. Loud laughter was punctuated by the popping of corks, and McKee, who rode in advance of Bud, distinguished the voice of the sheriff in expostulation against the general raillery concentrated upon him.

The half breed grinned wolfishly. It was evident that the bloodhound of the law had tracked the supposed murderer just as the real criminal had conjectured and desired.

Polly ran out on the piazza. She saw the man whom she regarded as her lover's evil genius. As he greeted her ingratiatingly, "Howdy, Miss Polly?" she replied sharply:

"You ain't got no invite to this weddin'."

"I come with my friend Bud," he explained, with an elaborate bow.

"I didn't see you, Bud," answered Polly, slightly mollified, as she crossed the dooryard to shake hands with her sweetheart. Buck offered her his hand, but she ignored him. McKee shrugged his shoulders and started for the house.

"Bud, he's some cast down because it's not his weddin'," was McKee's parting shot at the young couple. "I 'low I'll go in an' join the boys. Excuse me."

"With pleasure," coldly replied the girl.

The half breed ignored the sarcasm, and, answering innocently, "Much obliged," he entered the house.

Polly turned on Bud, displaying her resentment. "You an' him always kick up the devil when you're together. What did you bring him along fer?" she demanded.

"It's his last chance to see any fun around here. He's leaving for Texas," explained Bud.

"Fer how long?"

"For good."

"Fer our good, you mean. There's too many of his kind comin' into this country. Did you hear about 'Ole Man' Terrill?"

Bud did not wait for her to explain, but nervously answered: "They told us about it in Florence when we were coming through. We've been at the Lazy K."

"Wasn't it dreadful?" rattled on Polly. "Slim's here. The boys are goin' to turn out with him after the weddin' to see if they can ketch the feller who did the killin'."

Bud paled as he heard the news. To conceal his distress he moved toward the door—anywhere to get away from the girl to whom he feared he would betray himself. "I'll join 'em," he huskily answered.

Polly, however, could see no reason for his evident haste to leave her.

She felt hurt, but thought his actions were due to her scolding him for being with McKee.

"You ain't ever ast me how I look?" the inquired, seeking to detain him.

"You look fine," complimented Bud perfunctorily.

"When a feller ain't seen a feller in a week, seems like a feller ought to brace up an' start somethin'," replied Polly in an injured tone.

Bud smiled in spite of his fears. Catching the girl in his arms, he kissed her and said, "I was waiting for the chance."

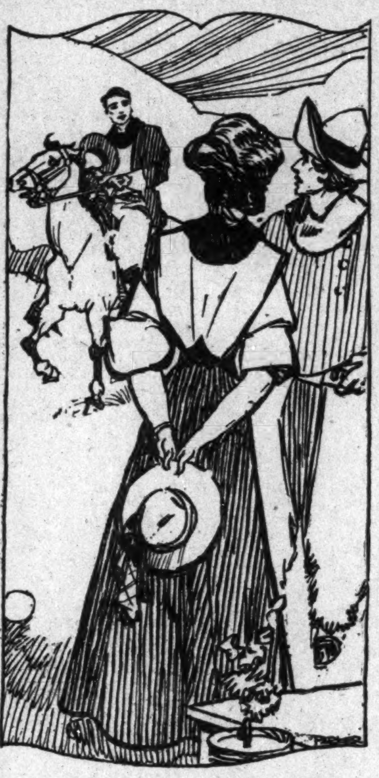
Polly disengaged herself from his embrace and sighed contentedly. "That's somethin' like it. What's the use of bein' engaged to a feller if you can't have all the trimmin's that goes with it. You look as if you wasn't too happy."

Bud pulled himself together with an effort. He realized that if he did not show more interest in the girl and the wedding he might be suspected of connection with the murder.

He trumped up an explanation of his moodiness.

"Well, what call have I to be happy? Haven't I lost my job?"

"Yes, but that's because you was hot headed an' give your boss too much lip. But everything will come out all right. Jack says"—



"Hello, Polly! Hello, Bud!"

"Has that low down liar and thief been coming it over you, Polly? Did he tell you how he gave the place he promised me to Sagebrush?"

"That wasn't until you give him slack, Bud. An' I'm sure he ain't a thief. Why"—

"Thief! Of course he is, and a blacker hearted one than the man that killed Terrill. Isn't he going to steal my brother Dick's girl this very night?"

"But Dick is dead," expostulated Polly.

"Dick isn't dead. I know it—that is," he stammered, "I feel it in my bones he isn't dead. And Jack feels it too. That's why he's hurried up this wedding."

"But your own friend, Buck McKee, saw Dick just before the 'Paches killed him."

"But not after it, and Buck now thinks the rurales may have come up in time to save him."

"Seems to me if that's so he has had time enough since then to write," objected Polly, who was nevertheless impressed by Bud's vehemence.

"How do you know that he has not written?"

Polly could only gasp. These accusations were coming too fast for her to answer.

"You can't tell what a man might do in a case like that. Perhaps Dick's away in the mountains, away from the railroad, prospecting down in the Ghost range, where he has been trying to locate the lost lode. There's lots of reasons for his not writing to Echo, but Echo doesn't seem to mind. A year and a half is enough to mend any woman's heart."

"Now, you"— began Polly, who was growing angry under the charges which were being heaped on her two best friends by the overwrought boy.

Bud would not let her finish, but cried: "Echo never loved him. If she did she would not be acting as she is doing tonight."

Rushing to Echo's defense, Polly answered, "She may or may not have loved Dick Lane, but I know that she loves Jack Payson now with all her heart, an' even if the 'Paches did not get your brother he is as dead to her as if they had."

Polly was startled and confused by Bud's accusations. Accordingly it was a relief to her when Jack Payson appeared on the scene. They had been so interested in their conversation that they did not hear him ride up to the house. "Hello, Polly! Hello, Bud!" were his cordial greetings, for he was determined to ignore his former employee's hostility. Bud did not answer, but looked moodily on the ground.

To eastern eyes Payson's wedding attire would appear most incongruous. About his waist was strapped a revolver. His riding trousers, close fitting and corded, were buttoned over the calves of his legs. Soft, highly polished leather boots reached to his knees. His shirt was of silk, deeply embroidered down the front and at the collar. His jacket gave him ample breathing room about the chest, but tapered at the waist and clung closely over the hips. He wore a sombrero and a knotted silk handkerchief. His face was deeply sunburned except a spot shaped like a crescent just below the hair line on the forehead, which was protected from the sun by the hat and the shade of the brim. A similar line of fairer skin ran around the edge of the scalp, beginning over the ears. His hair shaded the upper part of his neck from the sun's rays. When his hair was trimmed the untanned part showed as plainly as if painted. It is the mark of the plainsman in a city or on a holiday.

"Well, it's about time that you got here," said Polly, with a sigh of relief. "Where have you been?"

"I stopped over at Sam Terrill's to see about something that I ordered from Kansas City. Then I had to go back to my ranch"—

Bud started guiltily. Forgetting his determination to ignore Payson, he asked anxiously, "You didn't see Terrill, did you?"

"Oh, yes. Why do you ask?"

Polly laid her hand on Payson's arm and told him briefly of the shooting of Terrill.

"Who shot him?" he asked when she had finished.

"They don't know. He was robbed of a pile of money. Slim Hoover's just rode over to get a posse," she replied, looking toward the door. At this bit of information Payson became anxious about the plans for his wedding. The ceremony was uppermost in his mind at the time.

"Well, he can get one after the wedding." Then he asked, "Is the minister here yet?"

Polly laughingly replied: "You're feelin' pretty spry now, but you'll be as meek as a baby calf in a little while. In this section a bridegroom is treated worse than a tenderfoot."

Payson smiled. He knew he was in for a thorough hazing by the boys. "That's all right. I'll get back at you some day, when you and Bud"—

Polly interrupted him with a remark about minding his own business.

Bud avoided entering into the conversation. He had walked toward the door and was standing on the steps when he answered for Polly.

"Looks as if your chances of getting even with us is a long way off," he said. Turning, he entered the house to join the other guests, who, by the noise, were enjoying Allen's importations from Tucson to the bottom of every glass.

Polly looked after Bud, smiling quizzically. "Bud's mighty hopeful, ain't he? Ain't you happy?"

"You bet! Don't I look it?" cried Jack, rubbing his hands. "Never thought I could be so happy. A fellow doesn't get married every day in the week."

"Not unless he lives in Chicago. I hear it's the habit there," answered Polly.

"The sweetest girl in the territory"—began Jack.

"You bet she is!" Polly broke in. "If you just want to keep her lovin' an' lovin' you, all you've got to do is to treat her white an' play square with her."

"Play square with her," thought Payson. Was he playing square with her? He knew that he was not, but the chance of losing her was too great for him to risk.

"For if you ain't on the level with Echo Allen—well, you might as well crawl out of camp. That's the kind of girl she is!" Polly exclaimed loyally.

(Continued Next Week,)

ON SUNDAY.

"The Bishop of Durham, England, laments the fact that a 'very formidable degree of English Christian life in the neglect and isolation of the Lord's day' has set in, and blames 'the pernicious custom of the week-end.' 'The very day,' he says, 'when the charities of home should be in their strength, when the family should meet with special devotion for home worship, and should also meet, a family amidst other families, in the church which is the center of the surrounding religious life—life in which the family should have a responsible part—is now too often the day for separation, indolence, irresponsible self-indulgence.' "

Truth enough. How shall we account for this getting away from the religious? It is not what some hold to be the mistaken cry of degenerate ways. It is a plain fact, that we are getting extremely liberal in our religious notions. Who and what are responsible? The very civilization in its high form, brought about by Christianity in turn, seems to threaten Christianity; if not of its truth, then of its virtue as pertaining to worldly affairs. Multiplex inventions and devices have given the world so much to make merry over until it scarcely has time for anything else. All the time must be spent in enjoying the good things men have conceived and brought forth for man's enjoyment.

Perhaps the thing moves in cycles, as the tendency of the past seems to have been. A wave of moral reformation is likely to follow the one of liberalism that strikes so hard at religion, of any creed, all denominations. Devoutness beyond the precincts of the church is nowhere patent—at least not to a striking degree. Perhaps it is best that men do not stand on the corners, as the rule, doing the pharisaical act; yet it is a little alarming to see the broad way so broad and so full and the narrow way so narrow, with plenty of room to jostle about in. It may not be the way, but it has that appearance.

Most thoughtful people will readily see where the laws of our land are a little officious when they try to regulate the affairs of the day as against the wishes of the individual, since it is a religious "institution." The attempt, however, is made and for the best, from the standpoint of morals, rest, recreation. Religion is helped not a little. Ill would fare the land if it were not for the enforced Sunday observance.

But one prefers to think of religion standing on its own merits; would prefer to think of a Sunday doing what it meant to do for those that accept it in a religious sense. This respect for the institution, religion, in itself is not different, one may say, to what it was in the essentials from the beginning. The people are getting careless, or else they have been too careful in the past.

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It is now President Taft.

If March is as much inclined to be genteel as February was, one may talk spring without any strings to it.

The bill providing for three new courts in Indiana was passed over the Governor's veto. Evidently the lawmakers saw it differently to Governor Marshall.

Cyrus Field Adams has compiled some useful data of President Taft which he has sent to the Negro press. We contribute our share of thanks for the same.

Robert H. Terrell, of Washington, D. C., has been appointed a judge of the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia, which was recently created by an act of Congress.

The Missouri Legislature reported favorably on a bill prohibiting Sunday baseball. The Legislature of Indiana seems determined to have it. Thus merrily wags the world away.

Elwood C. Knox, manager of the Freeman, of Indianapolis, was one of the participants in the inaugural parade in Washington, D. C., March 4. Mr. Knox was a colonel on the occasion.

Don't have to get your cigarettes and paper "clandestinely" now, by act of Indiana Legislature, which repealed the old law. The small boy or the big one, for that matter, when not of age, are shut out from the benefits of the new law.

The Senate passed the revised bill for the Brownsville troops today by a vote of 56 to 26. The bill provides for a court of inquiry composed of five officers of the U. S. army, constituting a court of appeals, to which each of the discharged soldiers can bring his case.

Mr. Isaac Jenkinson, in a paper read before the Wayne County Historical Association of Richmond, Ind., brought out the fact that Negro slavery was known to the Territory of Indiana and even after the State was admitted to the Union. He says it existed at least up until 1850.

Indianapolis is making ready for its next political campaign, when city officers are to be elected. Two years of rest is the most that the city gets at the best. Really, the people haven't as yet got over the tired feeling incident to the last campaign. Even the would-be candidates are in no rush to declare themselves.

It is now ex-President Roosevelt and who alone bears the distinction. He does not bid fair to become a recluse or an oracle to be consulted at times, as was Grover Cleveland. Mr. Roosevelt is a man of energy; something must be doing with him all the time. He will write books if his beloved political activity is denied him.

President Taft is a member of the All Souls' Unitarian Church, of Washington. The question of his religious inclination from a denominational standpoint is at rest. The Unitarian Church is not great by way of the number of communicants; it is notable for the class of its members. It enrolls the names of distinguished individuals in almost every walk of life. President Taft was in his pew last Sunday.

It begins to look as if the famous Brownstown affair will soon be a closed chapter in American affairs. Unless the unexpected happens, many of the discharged soldiers will find their way back to the ranks. The conditions for entering the army have not materially changed. It is yet up to the men to establish their innocence, but it is more than likely this will not be so difficult to do as it has appeared to have been heretofore.

The inauguration is over—a new President has been installed to guide the destiny of the nation. Men who for many days have the Presidential succession in mind may feel something like a Cincinnatus, and now give their whole attention to things that immediately concern them. The Negroes who had lost patience with the past administration may take hope of the new. The plows may be resumed or whatsoever by way of duty, trusting that the promises of consideration and regard will not be too slow in the performance.

The anxious inquirer will want to know what will happen to such a man as Count Tolstoy in the great "round up." He, too, in principle, has kept the laws from his youth up. Is it sufficient? As far as he was permitted to do so, he gave away his goods for the poor, being physically restrained by his wife. Is that sufficient? He has yet unbeliefs which he can not reconcile to what is taught of the churches. Will it militate against him? Or will he be judged according as he saw and understood?

The church triumphant will not pause owing to a Tolstoy, nor even the militant church; yet there are so many Tolstoys—men with religious crochets—good, godly men who feel no less entitled to the reward, despite the heterodoxy as conceived by those of the more regular views, or those of other views.

The Crum incident is not without value, evento statesmen and Presidents; it shows the unrelenting obstinacy of the South to the Negroes of "quality" who get without "their own lines." Evidently Mr. Roosevelt relied on his tenacity to subdue the opposition, which, laudable enough in the interest of the general citizenship, was not "calculated" to do what was expected. It is not saying too much to say that men of great affairs do not pay much attention to the race question until by some means they are forced right upon it; they then attempt to settle matters at once, as Don Quixote would do. This does not speak of incapacity; it speaks of the lack of acquaintance, the same of which Southerners complain from time to time. There should be an effort to bring about the best possible conditions, but it is apparent that it is to be done by some methodical course, and as the Negro editors love to say, and rightfully, proceeding along the lines of the least resistance.

Among the great tributes paid the memory of Abraham Lincoln was that noted in a recent issue of the London Spectator. It concedes him the first place among the distinguished men of America. It will be taken for granted that the views of the English people are represented in what that journal had to say; such being the case, one may well feel proud that he is an American citizen. Our own journals have not uttered greater praise of the great Emancipator than this English paper, which showed thorough acquaintance with his life and public activities. It spoke of him as a master of the English language, referring to the never-to-be-forgotten Gettysburg speech and also other speeches and communications, which it held to be models of literary excellence. Referring again to the article, we feel compelled to say that it perhaps stands unrivaled for beautiful, forceful and, to some extent, unique characterization of Mr. Lincoln.

The farmer has nothing in front of him from this time until frost but rosy-hued prospects. Lest we forget, a proportion of a people are expected in the fields. In the South agricultural pursuits receive the attention of a fair proportion of the race. It is wholly different in other sections. The man of muscle, with some education, and who must earn a living by the sweet of his brow, should delight in putting in licks where it not only counts today, but in after years. The farm has a commercial phase—buying, selling; those stimulants to life when in the pursuit operate against the wear and tear of time.

A farm is an annuity, insuring against the alms-house and other charitable concerns. The diversified labor of agriculture can well care for diversified minds—those who prefer lighter toil of the various kinds.

Most of the race know a steer when we eat it—only. Thousands are slaughtered yearly in every State; not very many of them raised by Negroes, and why not? The bane of the race is that it does not feel to want a considerable part in the greater affairs of men. It shrinks from the great tasks as the rule. It is true that opportunity is wanting for building State capitals or bridges, also the experience. But when it comes to raising cows, horses and such like, there is opportunity, and the experience may readily be had.

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LIBERIA.

The Liberian Republic is asking financial assistance. Like a son at college or abroad, of liberal tendency, we of this country may feel not to see the necessity of helping out the struggling republic, thinking that it is living beyond its means. The question, however, is not one of logic, but want. Some $20,000 is expected of Congress or of other sources, which money, it is said, will be for the expense of a commission for investigating the condition of the country. No less an individual than ex-President Roosevelt has been mentioned in connection with the commission. We do not present this as a probability, since, so far as we know, no appropriation has been made for such purpose by Congress, nor do we know whether it has any such intention. We believe Congress could make the appropriation, as it made the appropriation for the Italian earthquake victims.

If the country were given the desired boost, the money being judiciously spent through commission or other administering agency, it may be believed that the country will lift from its present slough of despond. The citizens would see more in the immediate future to live for and perhaps work willingly to the end. In other words, a little assistance may prove the elixir of life. Many persons of America would not think poorly of Liberia as a future home if they had faith in the industrial situation. The philanthropical spirit that obtained at the beginning of the colony would be none the less timely in helping in the solution of the Negro problem, or the problem of the black man.

DR. CRUM RESIGNS.

The resignation of Dr. William D. Crum as collector at the port of Charleston, S. C., was one of the notable political events of this week. In stating his reasons for resigning, he said that he did not care to embarrass Mr. Taft. It will be remembered that the nomination and confirmation was most bitterly opposed by Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, who was supported by his white constituents of Charleston and, presumably, by those of the State generally. The persistency of President Roosevelt, who made the nomination, won against the opposition in the Senate, which was generaled by the South Carolina Senator.

When Dr. Crum's reappointment was the subject a few days ago, the upper house did not give evidence of sustaining the President in the matter, which was shoved aside with the object of having it come up under the new administration. Evidently Crum scented trouble ahead for President Taft on his account, and in order to avoid it has tendered his resignation.

From an individual viewpoint, Crum has done the proper thing. He has great regard for Mr. Taft, in view of which he wants him to have latitude for action. As he puts it, he wishes not to embarras the President. As a citizen, that he was fairly forced to resign, is a travesty on our principles of fair play and manhood rights.

Of course, the influencing circumstances are known, but in the greater instances where are sheared what is considered the obnoxious in the race, the advertised principles of the general nation should operate without bias.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Preachers and laymen of the C. M. E. Church of this district held a most interesting session at Eauenings Chapel, with Rev. G. I. Jackson, pastor, and W. B. West, financial agent of the South. This meeting brought out many interesting thoughts on church work and the coreligous worker in the home and elsewhere. Many distinguished men and women here and the citizens made it very pleasant for them in the way of interesting them while here. Bishop C. H. Phillips preached to a great throng at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and services were held all day, which proved a financial help to the building fund of the church. Our people are becoming more interested in these meetings from time to time owing to the fact that they are getting away from the old-time methods and are more enlightened as a whole....There were several porters here in attendance on the legislature as the honored guests of the city Saturday and Sunday.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Capt. R. A. Byrd, John Mosby, I. L. Gordon and Thos. Jackson, of Springfield, came home to vote last Tuesday....The Slabtown District Convention was played at the Eighth and Elm Baptist Church by Mrs. F. E. Cook's local company and made a hit...The Foster and Johnson Company had a great success at the Soldiers' Home...The marriage of Mr. Harrison Bucker and Miss Gertrude Gamble was quiet a surprise to friends... Mrs. H. Carr is able to sit up after three weeks' illness...Mrs. Curl is still on the sick list....Mr. Willie Holder has returned from a visit in Kansas City, Mo.

PEORIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. I. C. Harper is in Chicago...Mrs. Elsie Perry, of Frink street, is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Wheeler, of Pittsburg...Rev. H. W. Jameson returned to the city Friday...Mr. John Moore, of Bloomington, spent Sunday in the city... Mr. B. M. West has returned from St. Louis... Henry W. Jameson, Jr., who was ill for a few days last week, is improved. ...Mrs. Marshall Burris, of Seventh avenue, has the "grip."....The infant son sent to gladden the home and hearts of Captain and Mrs. Conway, died Friday... The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jackson, of Smith street, died Saturday of typhoid pneumonia...Mr. William Bailey is suffering from a severe attack of asthma...A large and appreciative audience greeted the "Dixie Jubilee Singers" Wednesday evening. There are just enough in the company to allow each one his share of praise without a stretch of the imagination...Mr. Spurlock read an excelent paper at the Forum on Mr. H. O. Tanner the artist...Miss Fay Harper entertained in honor of her tenth anniversary the 13th. There were eighteen little guests present. Master Byron Moody, of Eureka, was an out-of-town guest.

TROY, ALA.

Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Miss Minnie Ousley continues ill...Mr.s Jese Sanders is on the sick list...The members and friends of the First Baptist Church are preparing to give a grand concert soon...Mack Berry is confined to his bed...Mr. H. V. Stevens, the only harness maker in the city, is kept quite busy. He is ably assisted by Mr. John Willis, a popular young man of Troy... Mesdames Jessie Henderson, Annie J. Slayton and Mary M. Thompson have returned from Mobile, Ala...Services every Sunday at Joyce M. E. Church on East Academy street, Rev. James Yarnell, pastor...St. Paul A. M. E. Sunday school is increasing in attendance each Sunday. Mr. Smith Mahorn, the superintendent and his teachers deserves credit for their work... Rev. M. C. Lowery, the popular pastor of the First Baptist Church, will conduct services as usual on the first Sunday in March. All are invited... Mrs. Charles Mills spent several days recently at her home in Selma, Aala... Mr. Robert Lane has an up-to-date barber shop on Walnut street...Parents, keep your children off the streets and send them to school... Mrs. Catherine Leonard departed this life Thursday, February 25. Her funeral took place from Joyce M. E. Church, of which she was a member. A beautiful sermon was preached by Rev. R. W. Williams, closing remarks by Rev. Yarnell and Dr. Mitchell. She was a member of the Court of Calanthes. The following K. of P. acted as pallbearers: Joseph Carter, James Henderson, Geo. Harvy, Robert Lane, H. V. Stevens, Tom Tiner.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Martha Johnson, beloved wife of E. L. Johnson, who has a very important position in Washington, D. C., died at her home on 18th avenue near 18th street on Monday night, February 22. Her funeral was largely attended at Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church on the 23 at 3:30. Rev. J. T. Davis, of Union Baptist Church, conducted the services, assisted by Revs. A. L. Perkins, J. S. Kinnard and J. M. Brooks. The following spoke on her life: Prof. W. M. Hopkins, as a neighbor; Prof. J. M. Nimocks, spoke of her as a business woman; Prof. H. G. Ruffin, spoke of her as a teacher. All of the speakers spoke highly of this truly good Christian woman. The beautiful wihte casket that held the remains of Mrs. Martha Johnson was interred in the Masonic cemetery at 5 p. m. She leaves a husband, Mr. E. L. Johnson, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death...T. Murray has been on the sick list the past week suffering with a severe cold... R. H. Alston and John Bonds are improving from recent illness...Mr. J. W. Harris, G. C. of the K. of P. of Mississippi, who has been on the A. & V. road for several days on business, returned on February 27....Rev. S. A. Rivers preached for the good people at Enterprise on Sunday, February 28th, and returned to the city at night...A. C. Clark, the 5th street shoemaker, who has ben on the sick list the past ten days, is fast improving...Mrs. Maggie Sumpter, who has been attending the Mode Gras at Mobile and visiting friends, returned to the city February 25...Mrs. Annie Wallace, who has been teaching school down the N. O. & M. E R. R. for several months, returned to the city on February 27.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Bert Young is spending a few days in Indianapolis...Wm. Standford has resigned with the Big Four in Anderson with the intention of working for the L. E. & W....Robert Jones, vice president of the Epworth League, aroused great enthusiasm with the literary Friday evening... Mrs. Rena McKnight will entertain the Willing Workers' Club Friday evening... William Henderson has moved here from Indianapolis for permanent residence... Orvil Hains has returned from Chicago... Rev. Warren, of Indianapolis, preached the funeral of Mrs. Andrew Johnson at the Calvary Baptist Church...Dr. C. Marton delivered an address at the First-street M. E. Church, "The American Negro, His Duty to Himself and His Country."...Rev. Burden conducted a very nice rally Sunday.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Minnie Daniels and Mr. Colwell were united in the holy bonds of wedlock Thursday evening, February 18, at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church...On last Saturday night the first division of the senior class spoke. The six best will meet commencement for the gold medal. The Chapel was crowded to its capacity...Mr. James Streater is preparing to go in the Navy...Prof. R. S. Wilkerson, of the State College, gave a streoptical exhibition recently.

TYLER, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. W. E. Bibbs, of Indianapolis, Ind., one of the most successful barbers of this city, has sold his barber shop to a Mr. E. Walker, of this city. Mr. Bibbs will leave April 1 for Mexico City, his future home. ....M. M. Benson, an old student of East Texas Academy, left this week for Dallas, for permanent residence....Miss Jessie Wells is in the city attending East Texas Academy....Dr. C. H. Philips returned from Dallas this week....Prof. C. S. Benson, of Winona, was in the city last Saturday on business....The Freeman is 20 cents a month, payable at the front end of each month....Prof. W. E. Peth is doing a great work in this contry as a teacher. He has been principal here for sixteen years, and it can be truthfully said that this man has done more good here as an educator than all others combined....Miss Hattie Smith is having things her way as a Latin scholar in East Texas Academy. She is known as "Old Miss Latin."....Mr. W. P. Vaughns, of East Texas Academy, is visiting in Corsicana this week.

MT. VERNON, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Metropolitan Musical Company will present to the people of Maunie, Ill., Saturday, March 6, the play entitled "A Manager's Trials," which has received much comment....The A. M. E. Sunday-school is still increasing in attendance. Sunday there were sixty-five old people and children present....The young people are going to give a debate on Friday, March 12, at the A. M. E. Church, for the benefit of the pastor, Rev. T. J. White....The choir rendered a musical program Sunday night which was highly appreciated by all who heard it....The Christian Endeavor of the Free Baptist Church rendered an excellent program Sunday evening at 2:30.... Prof. R. C. Jackson and Mr. John Henry McGill were visitors to Evansville, Ind., last Saturday and Sunday....Mrs. Stones, of Morganfield, Ky., is spending a few days in the city....The Merriweather Brothers gave a moving picture show two nights last week at the Free Baptist Church....Rev. Hodge, the pastor of the Free Baptist Church, made a talk at the city hall Thursday and Friday nights.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Messrs. Tom and Will Kersey and Miss Mary Cross were called to Dresdon, Ont., by the serious illness of their mother and aunt....Remember James M. Torrey for police judge....Mrs. Thomas Kelley entertained at bridge whist Friday evening for her sister and friend, Miss Lillian and Rhod James, of Lansing, who are spending several days in the city as her guests. Twenty were present, and refreshments were served at the card tables....Mrs. Cora Becks, of Jackson, spent a few days in the city, the guest of Mrs. William Vincent....Mrs. Murray, of Detroit, spent a few days in the city at the home of Mrs. Ben Wright....Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright entertained at supper Saturday evening, in honor of his sister, Miss Lillian, and Rhoda James, of Lansing, who will leave Monday for their home.

SHELBYVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Sallie A. Ramsey left for Rendville, Ohio, this week after visiting her son, Russell, for a few days...Grand Lecturess Mrs. M. E. Washington, of New Albany, paid a visit to Alpha Court of the K. of P. this week. While here she was the guest of Mrs. W. J. Hines...The Missionary Circle held a monthers' meeting at the Second Baptist Church Sunday afternoon...The Honorabel Seaborn Wright, of Atlanta, Ga., delivered an eloquent rhetorical address to the mass meeting at the city hall Sunday afternoon...A. G. Griffey was in the country this week figuring on a big plumbing job...Rev. H. W. Jones has traveled extensively through the country this week working in the interest of local option...Mr. A. B. Russell will leave for Cincinnati next Monday to meet the board of officers of the Helping Hand Home, of which Mrs. S. A. Ramsey is secretary and general manager.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The waiters of the Savoy Hotel have starte da movement to establish a waiter's association, the object is to create more harmony and unison among the men of this vocation. Also to vreate industry among waiters. At a business smoker, Thursday night, February 11th, a temporary organization was formed. Mr. W. W. Smith, Jr., elected president; J. F. Frazier, Vice-President; A. C. Sanford, secretary; W. Ralston, treasurer. The president appointed committees to investigate the important matte dof securing a place for meetings, etc. Previous to the business part of the Smoker the thirty members enjoyed an elaborate lunch composed of the most delicious eatings that a Smoker requires.

COLORED MEN PRESENT FORAKER WITH SILVER CUP

WASHINGTON, March 3.—In appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the discharged Brownsville batalion, the colored citizens of Washington will present to Senator Foraker on Friday next a massive solid silver loving cup.

The cup stands nearly two feet high and rests on a massive ebony base. It weighs nearly 100 ounces. Around the bowl are three handles and on each handle are the letters "B. C. D." representing the names of the companies of the battalion.

Around the base in raised letters are the words, "Twenty-fifth United States Infantry." In the gold lining of the bowl is inscribed a quotation from a speech made by Senator Foraker in the Senate Jan. 12, 1909, in behalf of the soldiers, in which he said:

"They ask for no favors, because they are Negroes; but only for justice, because they are men."

BROWNSVILLE SOLDIERS NOT GUILTY MAY RE-ENLIST

Aldrich Bill Providing for Court of Inquiry Approved by Both Roosevelt and Foraker.

Washington Special.

The President is authorized to appoint a court of inquiry to determine the qualifications for re-enlistment of discharged Colored soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry Regiment who were accused of "shooting up" Brownsville, Tex., on the nights of Aug. 13 and 14, 1906. The Aldrich bill for this purpose was passed by a party vote of 56 to 26, except that Senator Teller voted with the Republicans for the passage of the bill. The bill is a compromise measure approved by President Roosevelt, Senator Foraker and all of the Republican members of the Committee on Military Affairs. The court of inquiry will act as a board to consider applications for re-enlistment, and recommend the restoration to duty of such soldiers who are not found guilty of complicity in the affray.

SELMA, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Quite a crowd visited the carnival at Pensacola, Fla., February 21. Frank H. Weaver as usual visited the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hillard, was also entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Green. The popular mehchants of Deviler stret....The Silvern Street Baptist Church have their new colored windows. ...Brown Chapel's handsome new house of worship is nearing completion and is a credit to the members and an honor to the race.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Can any reader of this paper give me the address of Miss Hannah Burrel, or any of her friends who know her whereabouts? Please write her uncle,

JAMES ELLIS,
400 Hight St. Fort Atkinson, Wis.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

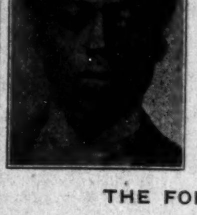
Special to THE FREEMAN.

Ralph Corbin died recently at the home of his parents, 521 N. Sandy street, from the effects of appendicitis. He was born June 4, 1888 in this city and was 20 years old. He had been for some time employed at Cherry's stable and was a very industrious young man, who had a wide circle of friends. The funeral services were held at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, in charge of Rev. Dr. Batchlar, assisted by Rev. Christy and Rev. Muse. The flowers were many and beautiful. The singing was by the Second Baptist Church choir. The solo, entitled "Lead Kindly Light," was beautifully sung by Mrs. A. H. Kinniebrew, assisted by Sherman Spencer and C. H. Freeman. Mrs. Mazie Mallory also sung the song entitled "Face to Face." He was a member of the Co. L. Fifth Regiment Ill., National Guard of this city, who had charge of the remains at the cemetery. He leaves eight brothers and his parents and two sisters. Interment was in East Cemetery. ....Virginia Smith die drecently at the County Farm from leakage of the heart. She was a well-known character and was known as "Babe." She was always good natured and was 70 years of age and had been at the farm 27 years. Her remains were laid in the cemetry at the farm....Mrs. Ollie Williams of Marion street is quite ill with rheumatism.... Mrs. Fanny Branum is very ill at her home on S. West street....Baptizing was held at the Second Baptist Church February 21. Five persons were baptized by Rev. Dr. Batchlar...Mr. Golden Butler of Hadley, Ill., is visiting friends in this city....Mr. William Johnson and Robert Johnson of Peorio, Ill., were visiting Mrs. Austin Carter and Mrs. Theodore Roberts recently....Mrs. Willis stone is quite ill at her home....Mrs. Majors of Pisgah, Ill., was a visitor in our city recently....An elegant reception was held Thursday night of Feburary 25 at the Bethel A. M. E. Church in honor of Rev. Christy and wife, and was largely attended. A large amount of silver was given to the worthy pastor....Rev. Harris of Hannibal, Mo., preached several able sermons at the Second Christian Church last week....The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mitcherson and the son of Mrs. Walker, of Hadley, Ill., are quite ill....Mrs. Carrie Williams of S. West street is able to be about again.

COVINGTON, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Frank L. Williams was delightfully surprised on her 18th anniversary by a few of her co-workers and children. The affair was very uniquely planned. After a choice supper of three courses some old songs were sung which recalled many pleasant memories...Miss Leota Nichols, of Danville, Ky., who was the guest of Misses Chinn and Leake, of Covington, was entertained by Mrs. Harvey Warren, of Cincinnati, at 127 E. Robbins street, Covington. Those present were Misses Estelle Burrell, Cora Townsend, Alyce Chynn, Ruth Johnson, Mabel Leake, Elizabeth Fletcher, Mrs. Ada Chappell, Miss Anna Young, Mrs. Clara Hillman, Messrs. Hillman, Chappell, Ira Jones, Frank Sketion, S. R Showes, Geo. Brookins, C. B. Ross, Harvey Warren, Wm. Smith, Collin Bramlette...Miss E. E. Webster, who went to her home at Chicago on account of illness, is improving and hopes to return and resume her duties at the Sevent street school very soon...Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hillman were given a surprise party last Tuesday evening by friends. Despite the inclement weather, quite a number were present and an enjoyable evening was spent...Prof. W. H. Fouse, principal of Wm. Grant High School, was called to Westerville, Ohio, on account of the death of his father. ...Dr. Mitchell, of Bowling Green, Ky., has been called to the pastorship of the 13th Street Baptist Church, and he has been in the city several days looking the field over. He favored the people of Covington with two excellent sermons while in the city. His acceptance or non-acceptance will be known this week. He spent a pleasant afternoon of the 25th with Mrs. F. L. Williams and family. A most delicious luncheon was served at 6 o'clock... Born, to Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Duncan, a very charming little girl, on the 13th of February...Miss Marie Bryant, one of the most accomplished colored violinists, appeared in Covington at the Ninth Street M. E. Church on Monday night, March 1. A large number was present to share the pleasures of the sweet strains of music made by the young girl of fifteen years, accompanied by her sister...Mrs. Richard Hawkins, one of Covington's best known citizens, died suddenly on last Sunday, the 21st. He had been engaged in business, having a fish market, for twenty-five years and had won the respect and love of some of our leading white friends as well as the colored. His funeral was well attended by the friends of his. A resolution was read by the local business league, of which he was a member. Undertaker W. A. Gains had the funeral in charge whiel Rev. Robinson officiated....The ladies of the 13th Street Baptist Church are well pleased over the success had an dpleasant evening spent at the Martha Washington's Tea Party on the 22nd at the church...The Ladies Union Club met at Mrs. A. D. Kelly's on Wednesday, the 24th. There was a good number of guests present to witness the excellent program rendered by members of the club. Miss Mae Barratt, of St. Louis, played a most excellent piano solo, which was enjoyed by all...There were two hundred and fifty in attendance at the class meeting of the Ninth street M. E. Church on Friday last. A collection of $21.55 was raised....Washington Garrett is out againt after an illnes of three weeks....Rev. J. W. Robinson of Covington has composed a patriotic song, which will be nabed and dedicated to the G. A. R. He also composed a sacred piece "when rights shadow reigned."



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THE FORESIGHT.

Behold, the time advances,
It's nearing day by day;
And I view a gleam of sunlight
Through a mist and stormy way.
The hour is fast approaching,
As the Book of Truth records,
When the hand of Ethiopia
Shall wield her trusty swords.

Not with stern and brutal sovereign,
Not with blood-stained hands of might,
But in freedom's name she'll govern,
With justice, truth, and right.
Oft scoffing tongues deride us,
In their 'tempt to make us fall,
But God, who loves His children,
Looks upon us one and all.

And through His precious promice,
Like a dark and misty veil,
Behold, a ship comes sailing
With rainbow-tinted sail.

The pilot at his rudder,
With cold and bleeding hand,
Long stood with fear and trembling,
While lost upon the strand;
And oft he lowers the anchor,
At nightfall on the deep,
Or, when the storms are raging,
His faithful watch doth keep.

Through the darkest fog before him,
Which veils the light before,
He stands the howling tempest,
And looks for yonder shore;
Across the stormy waters,
The winds come down with might,
Ere long the pilot on that ship
Shall see a gleaming light.

The dawn of day advances,
'Twill calm the rolling sea
Like the Hand that calmed the tempest
On the lake of Galilee.

I view her in my vision,
Her shipmates and her crew,
With trusty hopes are waiting
To anchor at yon view,
Though many a gallant shipmate,
Who were drowned in the dreadful deep,
Lay-buried 'neath the waters:
In an aqueous grave they sleep.

I see one brave old sailor,
Who has climbed the topmost mast;
And he shouts with loud Hosana
At the scenes before him cast;
She's heading for yon harbor,
Her sails are now unfurled;
Though drenched, and shaken by the wind,
Her splendor awes the world.

There dawns another vision,
And the muses bid me write;
I see her in the harbor,
Her sails are sparkling bright.

I see Queen Ethiopia
Before all nations stand;
She is robed in royal purple,
And a seal is in her hand;
As she lifts her handwith jewels,
And takes the solemn vow,
Kings, princes and nobles hail her,
*All nations 'fore her bow.

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O Teddy Bear, I pray beware
They've got you on the slate;
The fourth of Marc hyou lose your starch,
Then you'll be out of date.

The dollies sweet took a back seat
When first you came to town;
Sad to relate, they'll mock your fate,
By conquest turn you down.

The girls and boys who class you "toys"
Will sling you in the corner;
There you'll decay and fade away
Like little Jackie Horner.

Should Teddy thrive, he may revive
Your natal state again;
But I repeat, you'll have to beat
It, Teddy Bear, till then.

The small theters are a boon to the Negro actors.

Simon T. Dunmore and Jerry Barnes will open at the Grand Theater, Chicago, March 8.

Carroll and Kirke, the Googooreens, are meeting with much success with their singing and dancing act.

Mose Moore, of Dayton, Ohio, accompanied by his popular wife, Marion Smart Moore, will spend a day in the city next week.

C. Adam Larose, female impersonator and mellophone player of Allen's Minstrels, is doing nicely, and says hello to the profession.

Printess Oliver and Rastus Tones are still making good on the road, playing to packed houses every night. Best regards to Billie King.

The tent season is on. The big canvas and the little canvas will soon stretch, giving the boys a chance to continue working the year round.

Melba, the great prima donna, recently retired from the stage, has a statue erected in her honor in the National Gallery of Melbourne, Australia.

Madame Anita Patti Dean Brown gave a very successful recital at Paducah, Ky., under the auspices of the Busy Bee Club of Burk's Chapel A. M. E. Church.

Charles English, known as the Indiana Blossom, is still in line and making good with his wench turn and blackface, and will be seen with the Old Kentucky Minstrels in April. Regards to all friends.

Billie Butler, the well-known trap drummer, has closed at the Fulton Theater, Pittsburg, Pa., and is now enjoying a much-needed rest at his home in that city. Regards to S. T. Dunmore, P. G. Gowery's bunch, Richards and Pringle's bunch, and all friends in and out of the profession.

Hi Jerry Barnes has returned to Chicago, Ill., after appearing four successful weeks with his stock company at the Pekin Theater, Louisville, Ky., who are as follows: Miss Mable Jones, Miss Maud Grundia, Miss Ella Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. Miles. Miss Jones sends regards to all friends.

The Sunny South Act and the Sunny South Show played together in Binghamton, N. Y., one playing at the Armory vaudeville house and the other at Stone's Opera House. Charles Pewee Williams, comedy juggler and versatile performer, was knocked unconscious before the matinee trying a new acrobatic stunt, but was able to do his act in the olio.

Taylor's Kentucky Troubadours opened at Yorkville Hippodrome, New York city, with the following artists: Charles H. Taylor, comedian and dancer; Clemo Harris, acrobatic comedian; Dave Brinkley, singing comedian; Evan Robinson, singing soubrette; Daisy Garrette, dancing wonder; Daisie Brinkley, singing comedienne; Griffith B. Wilson, stage manager.

The Pekin Theater at Cincinnati continues to do a good business under the able management of W. H. Smith, in spite of the bad weather. A matinee was given Friday of last week, complimentary to the Williams and Walker Company. On Friday night of lats week Rev. Walker, of the Baptist Church, was in the audience, and the following Sunday spoke very favorably of the show.

Thomas Thompson, who is entertaining in the amusement hall of G Troop, Ninth Cavalry (Colored), at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is framing up a minstrels among the boys in blue, headed by Earnest Jackson, the jolly comedian, who will sing "I Ain't as Foolish as I Look to Be;" Thompson, in his monologue, singing "'Tis a Fast World." A number of other members of the troop will sing some of the latest.

Mr. Boiken White has been successful in securing Mr. E. W. Jennings, eccentric comedian; Mr. L. Leiles, tenor and dancer; Coyden Herndon, boy king of hoop rollers and acrobat. Herndon has some new tricks that has not yet been seen on the stage, consisting of a bar-room, theater, school-room and fire department. Also Mr. Billy Barber, phenomenal baritone, of Orangeburg, S. C. Mr. White intends to play only the best vaudeville houses, parks, etc. With the material he has he intends putting on the best show that has ever been seen on the American stage.

The two Rosebuds, Lehman Smith and John W. F. Woods, who are now with the Plant Juice Vaudeville Co., have just closed their engagement in the city of Georgetown, S. C., better known as the city by the sea. Prof. Smith, the ventriloquist, also female impersonator, is making a great hit with his little talking boy Henry. Lehman Smith is taking the town by storm singing "Who's Going to Be Bon Bon Buddy When I Leave This Town?" The two Rosebuds gave an entertainment for the benefit of the Georgetown Silver Band on Monday night, Feb. 21, and it was a wonderful success. Our best regards to Long Willie, Sam Russel and all in and out of the profession.

CULLIGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

The company appeared at the Pickwick Theater, San Diego, Cal., during the week of February 14, to record-breaking houses, according to local reports. First colored show in three years. Alonzo Turner and wife, P. Gant, John Venie, Wm. Robinson and Geo. Williams closed here to join Norris & Rowe circus, from whence they came. Newcomers being present to take their places. Marvelous La She still holds them spellbound. Rance Smith, Mitchell, Lancaster and our other comedians kept them laughing. Albert hutt is doing splendid with his hoop act. L. McDuff received much applause for his concert band.

THE PEKIN.

Capacity was the sign at 7:30 last night. The smoothness of th eperformance was remarkable. Two hours and a half of solid fun, quick action and bright lines, with not a song or dance, looks like the Negro show business might be on the eve of something in the line of real acting. However, it occurred at the Original Pekin Theater, interpreted by the Original Pekin Stock Company to one of Chicago's most fashionable audiences. Following "The Pet Dog" will be presented an adaptation of the English farce, "Facing the Music," called "The Man Up-Stairs." This will be followed by "Who Is Thompson?" an adaptation of the "Three Hats;" then "The Chambermaid," a nadaptation of "Jane," followed by musical comedy.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS.

Black Patti Troubadours are meeting with much success on their western tour. A publication at Denver says:

Black Patti brings with her this week the full force of her Troubadours. At both performances yesterday the house, even at the advanced prices, was almost sold out, and the remaining days bid fair to be prosperous. Patti sings as well as ever, and naturally is the big feature of the entertainment. Last night she sang "Gay Butterfly Waltz," "Red, Red Rose," and, of course, her old standby, "Suawnee River," all being enthusiastically received.

Many of the old favorites, such as Will Cooke and Billy Young, are with the company. They are just as funny as ever, and while perhaps the ensemble is not as strong as some of the "Black Patti" productions, still there is enough joy and gladness to well repay any of the patrons of the house.

RAYMOND THOMAS, 18 MIN. IN "ONE," EMPIRE.

As a component part of the act offered by the Chapman Sisters at the Empire this week, little Raymond Thomas is, or should be, "deep" in the money. He divides honors equally with the buxom young white lasses. His dancing is of a superior article when compared to the work of his partners in the stunt. Although billed as a "pick," young Thomas is well along in his teens. The entire act hails from Indianapolis, for which all Indianapolitans feel justly proud. We should much prefer, however, to see this trio in polite vaudeville, as the work is of "big league" material, and seems slightly out of place in burlesque. The Misses Chapman are neat dancers, excluding offensive suggestion in their work. Young Thomas scored his biggest acknowledgment with his song, "I Am Married Now."

LINCOLN THEATER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Last week saw Whitney and Tutt's Merry Minstrels, and proved a profitable week, the shows being largely attended. This week th estock company is presenting a two-act musical comedy by S. Tutt Whitney, entitled "The Ex-President." The principal characters are: S. Tutt Whitney, as the Ex-President; Homer Tutt, as Money King; W. A. Baynard, as Senator Mock Anna; Sank Simms, as Spot Cash; Sam Gardner, as Happy Raglin; Link Slyer, as Sheerlock Combs; John Johnson, as Runneminn; Nettie Taylor, as Widow Burymore; Mabel Brown, as Lady Winter Bottom. The show is the most pretentious yet presented by the Lincoln Stock Company.

ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

We are now on the famous Florida west coast. All the boys are well, and all send best regards to friends.

Will Rawls, the comical policeman, and Joe White, trap-drummer, closed in Tampa, Fla., on the 26th inst. Mr. Rawls left Tampa immediately for his home to a well-earned rest. Mr. White will remain in Tampa indefinitely.

Ben F. Stephens, musician, and Jimmy Wise, he who travels by telegraph, joined at Tampa on the 27th. Home again, Jim.

The boys were royally entertained at the Royal Palm Club in Tampa on the 27th, Mr. Richard Smit hacting as mine host. The dance continued into the wee small hours of the morning. Refreshments were furnished by McCammon & Dotson.

The whole company sends regards to Williams & Stevens.

Prof. McCammon has succeeded in gatherin gabout him fourteen competent musicians, each an artist with his instrument, and the professor is shaking hands with himself.

MEMPHIS STROLL.

By James Edw. Simpson.

All of the houses are doing fine, playing to nothing but S. R. O.

The Amusement Vaudeville is putting on a pleasing vaudeville show, closing with an afteruiece by Eugene Clark entitled "Fun In a Hop Joint," and sending the people away well pleased.

The Gem is putting on a nice vaudeville, introducing Hunt and Hunt, in a very laughable singing, talking and dancing act, with the rest doing vaudeville, and closing with a one-act drama by Mr. J. Cox, entitied "The Lost Child," staged by Willie Perry.

The Ticks is sending its patrons away talking about the farce comedy act entitled "What! Me?" producde and staged by John Goodlie, assisted by the entire company, closing with the moving pictures. Everybody sends regards to all friends in the profession.

The Royal is putting on its usual number of vaudeville acts, closing with a farce comedy act, in one act and two scenes, by Miss Carrie Hall, entitled "The Nervine Sisters." Simpson and Mathews, the great Pekin Comedy Barrel Jumpers, are putting on their barrel act for three days, by special request of the Royal Stock Company. They send best regards to friends, both in and out of the profession.

BLAND AND JONES.

Bland and Jones were at the Family Theater, Indianapolis, last week, showing day and night in their Zulu travesty, "A Dream of Dahomey." The persentation is in two parts, the first part of which suggests what is to follow in the second part. This is a bit of comedy where an over-sentimental individual desires his comrade to hie away to a far-off land where peace and plenty and sunshine forever abound. This moon-struck individual is represented by Bland. His poetical appeal does not have a great effect on his prosy friend, who really can't understand what it is all about. This obtuse individual is represented by Jones, who does what there is of the heavy comedy.

Jones is a young man, also fairly new to the stage. It wouldn't hurt if he and Bland should get together and hatch out some better lines for him. Since he is in the business, he should make the best of it. With study and observation, he should make a good comedian. His singing is superb. In doing the "Yama Man" he will not readily be excelled; he is positively great in the little take-off. He may not be so wonderful in other songs. This one seems to suit his disposition, which is magnetic.

In the travesty proper, of course Bland is the show. Even here, if Jones were given a livelier part, it would help Jones, the act, and also Bland. Bland takes the part of a female Dahomeian, a princess, perhaps a queen. At any rate, he is strikingly costumed, scant, but in keeping with the idea. His singing, gestures and dance are beautiful to hear and see. His physical makeup, which is statuesque, together with his appropriate drapery, make a picture that lingers long in the mind. This part of the show went big.

The Emerys were good; they presented a sketch, "Ruben's in Town." The lady does a neat song and dance turn, in which she uniquely inserts a bit of "coon business." The sketch was amusing throughout.

The Meyers Brothers, equilibrists, were simply marvelous. Their turn consisted of exhibitions of strength, done with ease and neatness. The audience showed appreciation of their great work.

Lillian Coulson did some nice work. Her appearance as a choir boy was notable, bringing down the house. Her work throughout her turn was modest, one might say pretty; it was decidedly pleasing.

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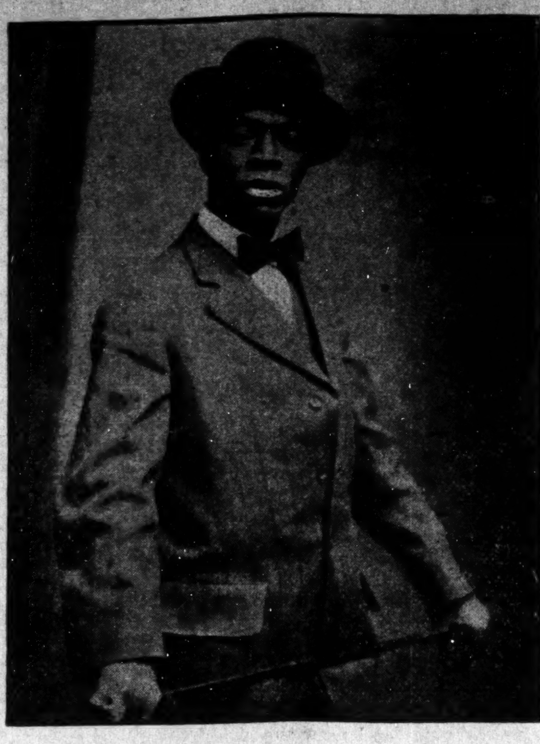


CHARLES BEECHUM

The Beechaums, Blanche and Charles, comedy sketch artists, comedian and soubrette, are filling a successful engagement with the P. G. Lowery Students and Morgan Minstrels. The Beechums are exceptionally good in their line and present a very creditable act. They are natives of Indianapolis and spent their vacation in this city.

BLANCH BEECHUM

JONES AND OLIVER ACT 1.

Rastus Jones and Printess Oliver are still making good on the road with their show, and are playing high-class vaudeville acts and some of the best sketches on the road to-day. Printiss is making good with his song and monologue, leaving the people well pleased. Rastus Jones and Mrs. Willie Ree Jones are making good with latest sketches, taking two and three encores. Mrs. Minnie Nelson, the great tenor, is making good singing "Let Me Get My Clothes, My Dear." Lornie Coleman and Mrs. Julia Coleman are great with their talking act. Many encores. Hornie Brown is still making big hits with his musical act. Mrs. Jones and Rastus Jones are making good with their double-bucking wing dance. The band is doing fine. Best regards to Mrs. Effie Moore and Willie Moore.

THE PROFESSION AT MILWAUKEE

P. J. Cooper writes: The Nightingale Quartet is filling dates at the Y. M. C. A., clubs, etc., to the best of satisfaction. Names as follows: Jas. Jeanette and Wm. Simons, first and second tenors; Harry S. Jones and John Mosza, first and second bass; P. J. Cooper, business manager. Watch for our cuts in The Freeman.

S. H. Dudley (The Black Politician) will be here next week, March 7.

Leave orders for The Freeman at Edward's cigar store, 192 4th street.

The Weaver Brothers' Mandoline Orchestra is engaged to play for the grand opening of Mr. Louis Young's Hotel, Saturday and Sunday evenings, March 6 and 7.

Capt. L. C. Valle is organizing a colored court of the Catholic Foresters lodge. Many have sent in their applications already.

Cream City society turned out in full bloom at the Masonic banquet and ball, and handsome gowns and beautiful flowers were much in evidence, worn by the Burgett sisters, Mrs. Neoma Stephens, Miss Goldie Harding, Mrs. R. F. Reed, Miss Hazel Jackson, the Howard sisters, Miss Nora Young and many others.

Many seem to think that the building once used for the turf cafe would be a good location for a colored theater.

AT LIBERTY.

Carson and Plumb have just closed a successful season with Lacey's Colored Minstrels, presenting that funny sketch, "The Wireless Telephone." They are taking a four weeks' rest at Holton, Kan., rehearsing their new sketch entitled "De Trouble Begins at Nine." Would like to hear from reliable managers.

PITTSBURG SHOW SHOP.

By Jassimine.

The First Brigade Band, K. of P., under the direction of Harry C. Waters, will give its first concert of the year Monday evening, March, 15, 1909.

Things are going fine along the avenue, and we are still having very nice weather. The vaudeville houses are still offering very good bills, and are, as usual, drawing large crowds nightly.

A. Guy Truley, the well-known trap-drummer, formerly of Robinson's Orchestra, left the city last Friday for Chicago, where he will be located for some time.

Bob Baker, the well-known vocalist and stage manager at the Fulton Theater, who has been sufferinf with a bad cold for some time, is now very much improved.

Mr. Charles Stinson, assistant manager, and Abe Goldstein, stage manager, of the Lyceum Theater, who have been somewhat under the weather for some time, are both again able to be around and resume their duties at the popular little playhouse.

Harry Brooks, the well-known blackface comedian, who has been playing the vaduevile houses in the city and vicinity, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide on Wylie avenue, Monday morning.

Well, the avenue is to have a Pekin. It is expected to be completed in the very near future, and is to have a stock company. The building is located on the avenue, between the Lyceum and Fulton theaters.

The famous Lindsay Quartet is now filling engagements throughout the city. They are now featuring a new song, "And the Big Owl Said Whoo!" which has proved to be a decided success. The words and music are by John E. Lain, one of the members of the quartet.

THE LYCEUM. This house offers a very good bill this week, headed by the Bumford Sisters. These young ladies are singers of rare ability; they have excellent voices; and know how to use them, and their songs were very well selected. They present a very nice appearance, and were forced to respond to numerous encores. Next came Elsie Martin, a very clever white comedienne, in a singing and dancing act that was well received. Then came the dancing Macks, whose work was the poorest thing on the bill. In fact, this is the poorest act that has been seen on the avenue as yet. Next came that pleasing vocalist, G. Harry Bolden, in illustrated songs, which was the hit of the bill. This young man is the possessor of a very sweet voice, and, best of all, knows exactly what to do with it and how to use it. Moving pictures closed one of the best bills seen at this popular little house for some time.

THE FULTON. This house offers a very good bill also, headed by the Wheeler Sisters, a clever team of white child artists. They present a very refined and neat singing and dancing act. Both have very good voices, and are very clever dancers. All in all, it is a very good act, and was heartily applauded. This was followed by Joseph Drichstein, in an Italian specialty that was well received. Next came the Green Sisters, another very good pair of child artists, who presented a very neat act. R. G. Baker, in illustrated songs and moving pictures, closed a good bill. This house is without adrummer now, the drummer having left last week, owing to some differences with the management.

CARLISLE AND BAKER IN ENGLAND.

London, England, Feb. 17, 1909.
186 Shaftesbury Ave.,
Witmarks Music Co.

Mr. Wood Knox:

Dear Sir—While sitting here in London thinking of our homes and many friends, We thought we would drop you a few lines and let you know where we are and what we are doing. We receive your paper every week and read all the great things that our race is doing in al ines of business, and we can not tel you how pleased we are to get the paper, being so far from home. eW are both well and getting along fine. We hope you and all others interested in printing such a good paper are in good health. But first we must tell you one of the main reasons for writnig to you and the paper. Mr. Baker is an Indianapolis boy, born and raised there. He only carrries the name of Baker on the stage, hi sown name being George Greathouse. No doubt you know his uncle, Mr. Archie Great house, who is in business there, and has been for years. My name is George Horace Carlisle, born and raised in Minneapolis, Minn. We have been together in vaudeville for four years or more.

We started as partners in San Francisco, Cal. We can say that we are doing an act that no one else is doing, white or colored, in the business. Of course, we have had to study very hard to do what we do with two grand pianos, also the many songs we have composed. But we can say our success has well paid us for our hard study. We started by palying five months in the State of California, playing two and three times in each house. We played into New York over the Orpheum circuit with the same great success. We have played on every important circuit in America. Played from coast to coast three times with great success each time. We were booked to play in Europe twice, but did not go the first time, but at last we sailed for Austria on the 17th of September, 1908, opening in Vienna the 1st of October at the Appollo Theater, which is said to be the finest vaudeville theater in the world. We played there with great success, and in several other cities on the continent, some of the most noted being Berlin, Prague, Budapest and Hamburg. We then came to England, where we have been playing every since with the same great success.

Our act is something new to the English people, and thew have received us in such a way that they have made us almost forget the prejudice that exists in the United States. We opened at the Palace Theater, London. We were even a greater success at the Palace Theater than we were in our own country. W ehave played in and around London in the best houses with the same great success. The managers have offered us contracts for three years, but we can not accept, as we must open in America about the 1st of next September. We have the Keith and Orpheum circuit booked to play on our return. We are quite anxious to come home and see our many friends and relatives. We are having one grand tour, seeing and learning many things. We have many new ideas to introduce to our people when we return. We will sail for home about August 1. Mr. George Great house sends best regards to all relatives and friends in Indianapolis. We join in sending regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Yours respt.,

Carlisle and Baker,
186 Shaftesbury Ave.

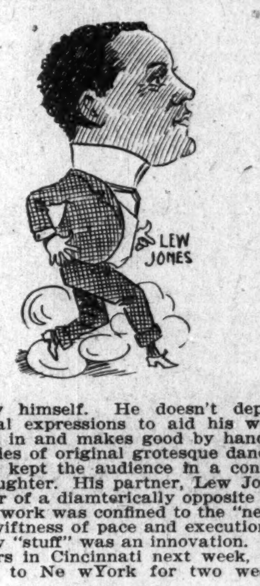
NEW ACTS OF THE WEEK.

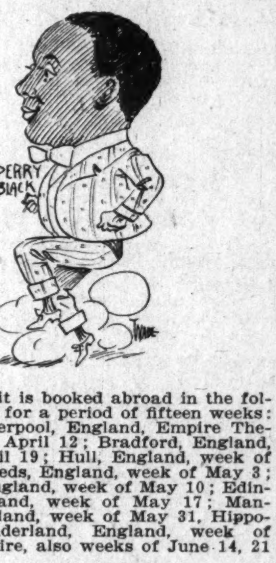
By J. D. Howard.

Black & Jones, Grand Opera House, "Fifteen Minutes in One."

Black & Jones appeared this week at the Grand Opera House in a singing and dacing act that "topped" out two other acts of like character. In fact, the bill at the Grand this week was top-heavy with dancing turns, there being no tless than three on the bill. Among them was the Lulu Beeson Trio. Miss Beeson is generally conceded to be the best female soft-shoe dancer in the world. Notwithstanding this proud distinction, she was hustled to hold her own against the nimble-footed Colored team. In fact, the applause accorded the two teams was clearly the greater for the Colored team.

Black & Jones do a straight singing and dancing act in "one." They both are clever and know how to get away from their audiences at the right time. Perry Black is an eccentric dancer in a class almost by himself. He doesn't depend upon facial expressions to aid his work, but jumps in and makes good by handing over a series of original grotesque dancing steps that kept the audience in a convulsion of laughter. His partner, Lew Jones, is a dancer of a diamterically opposite caliber. His work was confined to the "neat," and for swiftness of pace and execution of dainty new "stuff" was an innovation. The act appears in Cincinnati next week, and then goes to Ne wYork for two weeks, after which it is booked abroad in the following cities for a period of fifteen weeks: Open in Liverpool, England, Empire Theter, week of April 12; Bradford, England, week of April 19; Hull, England, week of April 26; Leeds, England, week of May 3; Leicester, England, week of May 10; Edinburgh, Scotland, week of May 17; Manchester, England, week of May 31, Hippodrome; Sunderland, England, week of June 7, Empire, also weeks of June 14, 21 and 28.





ADVICE TO BEGINNERS.

By S. Tutt Whitney.

I haveb een asked, "What are the principal requisites in the making of a first-class performer?" To my mind the attributes indispensable are talent, an infinite capacity for work, patience and a level head.

The theatrical profession presents an immense field that is divided into many branches, but no matter what department one may decide upon, be sure there is talent for that particular branch if one hopes to ever rise above the medicore. The alluring prospect of a good time, little work and easy money has caused the profession to be invaded by an army of incompetents. Hundreds of good cooks have been spoiled to make insufferable chorus girls, and many an excellent hodcarrier is taking the managers' money. Managers and stage managers in booking people for their companies must remember that as a house is no stronger than its weakest part, just so a company can be no stronger than its weakest member. Managers will eventually find that in trying to save money by "padding" their companies with chairwarmers and tourists is saving at the spigot and leaking at the bung.

To the aspirant for stellar honors, the good can only be attained by work, work, then some more work.

"The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not obtained by sudden flight;
But they while their companions slept,
Were toiling upwards in the night."

These four lines tell the secret, but it requires patience to withstand the disappointing promises of advancement, the knocks of the jealous and slurs from the envious. Managers are generally slow to see your upward trend when it means a raise in salary. Some performers are wont to think more of their salaries than of their work. I have in mind a young man who wrote me for a position with a company with which I was associated a few years ago. At the time he wrote me he was earning $5 a week as a waiter. When he wrote me he wasn't sure what he could do as a performer, but thought it was worth $25 a week to him for me to discover his latent abilities. I signed him for $6. But he possessed talent, wasn't afraid of work and had patience enough to work from the ground up. At this writing he is a principal in one of our best colored companies, drawing a salary far in excess of the original salary he asked of me.

A mountain climber must have a level head, and his eye continually on the summit. Just so the performer, if first evidences of success inflate his cranium, he is likely to lose much of the prestige he has acquired, and his chances of ultimate success already impaired. After all obstacles have been surmounted and the summit attained, a level head is still needed, lest one become intoxicated by the glamor of success and indulge in excesses and indiscretions that incapacitate and all to soon be relegated to the army of "has beens."

LIGHTS FROM BANDANNA LAND.

By Charles D. Marshall.

Well, some time in most everyone's life there come those moments when earth seems to be heavenly. Those moments arrived during the performance of "Bandana Land" while here Feb. 8, 9, and 10.

Henry Troy seems to continue as the matinee idol in every respect. As "Fred Collins," he delivered the goods as of yore. When he sings "In My Old Home" it seems to thrill everybody to the bone. If you are away from your home, you can expect your whole heart and soul to get wrapped up in this selection, for the way that Mr. Troy sings the song is enough to make you feel like walking back home if you haven't the carfare.

Somehow all of us like little women, because they are generally so winsome, because of their sweet ways, or we might say because of their stature they appear "cute," and anything "cute" is beautiful. Miss Marguerite Ward, who has worked so hard with Cole & Johnson, the "Smart Set," and Williams & Walker companies, is surely one of those "little women" that one cannot help but like. She is entertaining off the stage as well as on—always bubbling over with lovable things to say to her friends. Miss Ward is an ardent admirer of Aida Overton Walker, and, viewing the present situation, she bids fair to become a star of no mean ability. It seems that Miss Ward has been doing a great deal of hard work, for we saw lines in her face that showed us that such was the case.

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The renowned Lloyd G. Gibbs is still among the best of the high-class tenors. It is seldom that a tenor holds his own as long and as well as Mr. Gibbs has.

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When God made Miss Ida Banks He must have felt very good and His thoughts were on beauty—laughing waters, sweet singing birds and golden moments—all that is lovable. As she sang the "coon song" one could imagine that he saw good old sugar corn growing in abundance everywhere.

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Oh, Apple Jack!

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Minnie Brown was just like a "red, red rose" herself. Many of us imagined that we were in a garden of American Beauties.

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John Loubrie Hill is just the goods when it comes to the stage business. His voice and his bearing could not be improved upon. That Mr. Hill is one of the best character actors in the profession today is without question.

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Didn't Matt Housley look fine, though? Mr. Housley, along with that fond brother of his, Angelo, was the town talk among the elite of society while here.

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J. F. Moores, the stage manager, certainly has something to do in looking after such a large and particular aggregation as the Williams & Walker company.

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We notice that Walter Hilliard, formerly of Harper, Desmonds and Hilliard, is among those making a success in "Bandana Land."

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Speaking of playwrights, you must consider the fact that Messrs. Alex Rogers and J. A. Shipp have done something wonderful in writing such a play as "Bandana Land," because there is something to a play of that kind.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. John C. Temple, D. D., presiding elder, preached two great sermons at the A. M. E. Lion Church Sunday to very large audiences....Rev. R. Failey Fisher, pastor of the A. M. E. Lion Church, is attending the inauguration at Washington, D. C.

LINES ON ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Composed by Roger Crowdus, of Norwood—Read at the Lincoln Memorial Exercises, Sunday, Feb. 7.

On the twelfth of February, eighteen hundred nine,
There came to earth a baby boy so chubby fat and fine;
He was born in a log cabin on an old Kentucky farm—
Abraham Lincoln was his name.

He never played at football, nor knew a college yell,
But was a self-taught statesman,
Whom no one has excelled—
Abraham Lincoln was his name.

From a three-legged stool to a President's chair
Seems like a dream or a nightmare,
Yet constant reading and silent meditation
Made him the ruler of this great nation—
Abe Lincoln, the farmer's son.

By one stroke of his mighty pen
He liberated three million men and by emancipation gave
A freeman's stamp to every slave—
Did Abraham Lincoln.

And when his noble heart was stilled
With anguish was this nation filled,
And always with its men of fame
You'll find with praise his worthy name—
The name of Abraham Lincoln.

ROUTE.

CARROLL AND KIRKE—Pittsburg, Pa., week of March 8 and indef.
BLACK PAT I TROUBADOURS — Williams, Ariz., March 8; Kingman, 9; Needels, Cal., 10; San Bernardeno, 12; River, 13.
RICHARDS AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS—Caldwell, Kans., March 8; Wichita, 9; Marion, 10; Herrington, Okla., 11; McPherson, Kans., 12, Pratt, 13.
LOWERY-MORGAN MINSTRELS — Sidell, Ill., March 8; Westville, 9; Rossville, 10; Milford, 11; Watseka, 12.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Boyd, Al.	Jones, Will.
Earley, Ike.	Woodley, Robt.

Ladies' List.

Cook, Anna.

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YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Bell Milton of Dayton, is the guest of Bro. J. H. Bobson, and sister Mrs. Taronga Hicks, and will probably make Youngstown her future home.....Harvy Irwin has opened a restaurant at 317 East Boardman street.....Theophebus Pullman, who was ill for some time at his residence 220 East Boardman street was formerly of Indianapolis, Ind.....A number of friends and members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church gave a surprise on Mrs. J. A. Thompson, 734 Thomas street, Saturday evening. The evening was spent in music and social talks and lunch was served. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson, Mrs. Gaither, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Walter Jennings, Mrs. Albert Gorden, Miss Elizabeth Lawson, William Saunders, Frank Smith and Lee Jennings.....The conditions of James Gibson, John Beverly, Sr., and son, John Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Smith, John Eccles, James Talley, remain about the same.....The improvement club of the Oak Hill avenue Church presented to the church Sunday an innovation set for communion services. It consists of 40 gold decorated crystal glasses mounted with silver receiver. Rev. Bundy preached in morning and afternoon..... Mrs. William Curry and Mrs. Katie Wenn of Newcastle, Pa., attended the funeral of the late George Lucas Wednesday.....The optimistic club of Oak Hill Avenue Church met at the residence of Mrs. T. Moore of River street Wednesday, and transacted business, the attendance being good..... Mrs. G. M. Tagon, Mrs. Thomas Lonesome, Mrs. M. A. Morris, Mrs. Albert Johnson are on the sick list.....Walter Smith of New Castle spent Wednesday in the city. ....The social held by the members of the chrysanthemum club at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Lonesome was well-attended and a success.....Mrs. F. Tucker of Grant street, who has been ill, is improving..... Mrs. Clara Woodson, age 26 years, died Tuesday morning at the family residence, E. Commerce street. She leaves a husband, infant son, one brother, mother, and four sisters, and number of relatives.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The remains of William Franklin, of Beardstown, who was brought here for burial, arrived recently, and the funeral was held at Mt. Emery Baptist Church, and was largely attended. Rev. Mason had charge of the service. There were many beautiful flowers. He has been chief cook for several years in the Park Hotel there. He had many friends. He was born in Kentucky and was sixty-nine years old. The proprietor of the Park Hotel in Beardstown came to this city and saw that everything proper was done in the matter of the funeral of his valued employe. The remains were laid to rest in East Cemetery.....Col. Marshall, of Springfield, Ill., the Inspector, inspected Co. L at the hall, February 17, and found the company in fine order..... Mrs. Mattie Carpenter, of N. West Street, is quite ill at this writing.....Mr. and Mrs. Earl Franklin and son, of Chicago, Ill., attended the funeral of Mr. Franklin's father. ....Mrs. Millie Franklin, of Monmouth, Ill., attended the funeral of her husband..... The Domestic Social Club met recently with Mrs. Samuel McCalister, and was royally entertained.....Rev. Levi Christy spent last week in Indianapolis, Ind.....Miss Cora Branum was on the sick list last week..... Friday, February 19, Mallory Bros. gave a vaudeville show at Company L Hall as a benefit for the Second Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Sewing Society of the church. It was largely attended and every number of the program was excellent. ....Mrs. D. D. Thomas and Mrs. Lucinda Wright are on the sick list.....Eraline, the two weeks old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, of S. Church street., died recently. Interment took place in East Cemetery..... The one day old child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gordan died recently. Interment was in East Cemetery.

JOPLIN, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Clarence Smith has returned from Kansas City.....Rev. Lightsy filled the pulpit at Trinty Baptist Church last Sunday at 11 o'clock.....The new skating rink soon to be open in Joplin, will be of much pleasure to young people of Joplin.....Wm. Carr and Willis Wilson of Kansas City are latest arrivals at the Hotel Cannon.....Alex Williams, better known as "Dandy Red," was shot and killed by patrolman Johnson last Monday night. Mr. Williams was formerly of Virginia. He had resided in Joplin not quite a year. He was well-known. He was a member of the Masons and K. of P. Lodges.....Samuel Hobbs, H. W., at the Hotel Connor, who has striven so hard in his new field of holstery to give the traveling public first-class service with his creed of waiters and with the frictions and hard labor to keep the standard of service up, has impaired his health. He has striven hard to make the cafe service the best in the West.....Little Katherine Crutchfield, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crutchfield, was called to the sweet Land of Rest last Wednesday morning at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Hendricks on Third street. Little Kathrine was born April 20, 1903, in Kansas City, Mo., and her parents moved shortly afterward to Springfield, and from there to Joplin, where she died February 17, 1909. Little Kathrine was loved by all. She was intelligent, and the promise of bright a future was before her. She had many loving little playmates who mourn her death. The funeral was held at Handy A. M. E. Church, and a large number of friends paid their last respect to little Kathrine. Revs. Brownlee Curtis and Lockwood offered enoligies over the little deceased. The spectacle of the six little flower girls as pallbearers presented a beautiful token of their last respect to little Kathrine. The remains were laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery.

PITTSBURG, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Rosa Lee Skinner of Northford, Va., and Mr. Temple Scott were quietly married February 21, at 4:30 at 1308 Wylie avenue. There were only a few friends present..... Mrs. Susie Phelps is slowly improving after an illness.....Jones and Glenn B. B. Club has organized for the season 1909. They expect to be stronger than last season. Several new faces will be seen on the team. G. W. Gleen, president; Rich Epps, captain; Jones, manager office, 2640 Wylie, P. & A. Phone 2242 F.....The leader in the marathon race, which was run February 20, in which Jones & Moyer offered prizes for boys from the fifth ward: Emanuel Black, Jonny Childers, Percey Sears, Henry Sink, all Colored boys from the fifth ward..... Mrs. Dan Baker of 19 Crawford street, who has been sick for some time is improving.

LINCOLN INSTITUTE NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. Allen has just returned from a very successful lecture trip to St. Louis and Hamibal, Mo., where he was the orator of the occasion for Lincoln Day celebration held at Central Baptist Church in the former city, where the seating capacity though large was taxed to its outmost; in Hannibal he spoke on Monday night, February 15, combining an address on Lincoln and our great Douglass. In both cities he received an oratious applause, compliments and receptions.

The senior class of 1909 rendered an excellent Lincoln program on Friday night, February 19, having deferred their program until they could have with them their highly esteemed president.

Dr. Allen's address the chief event of the eveaing by urgent request of faculty and students was a portion of the one he had given in St. Louis. It was highly appreciated by all present.

URBANA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The ladies of St. Paul A. M. E. Church arranged a Washington birthday entertainment and the Buckeye Club have rendered the program.....Mrs. Sherman Cleveland and son Robert of Pittsburgh are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carty.....Mrs. Isaac Wamgh, who has been quite ill, is convalescing.....Mrs. James Taylor, who was stricken at the church with paralysis, is improving slowly.....Miss Margaret Adams of Columbus is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Adams.....Miss Mayme Adams of Columbus spent a few days in the city.....Mrs. Oliver Fletcher has been quite sick but is improving.....Mrs. Brandom of Columbus, O., spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Homer Obey of Will street.....The Misses Maggie and May Adams of Columbus, O., spent the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Adams of Hill street.....The ladies of the St. Paul Guild will give a suprise social at the home of Mrs. David Hill, S. Kenten street, Thursday evening.....The home of Mr. and Mrs. Watson Fletcher was made happy by the safe arrival of a bouncing baby boy.....Miss Jennie Bouser is quite ill at her home in S. Kenten street.....Miss Florence Jennings is also on the sick list. ....Mrs. William Jones of Newark, O., was called home on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Malliana Naugh..... Mrs. Virginia Jones is quite sick at her home in E. Hill street.....The protected effects of Bith Church have come to an end with quite an increase in the membership.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

It was very interesting to all the citizens of Spokane to note the high tribute the last issue of the Freeman paid to one of our favorite daughters, Miss Minnie Brown. We are pleased to hear that she is liked by others as well as by ourselves.....The Household of Ruth had an intertainment on the 22d, at Carbin Park Hall.....Captain Lincoln Linnard is improving nicely.

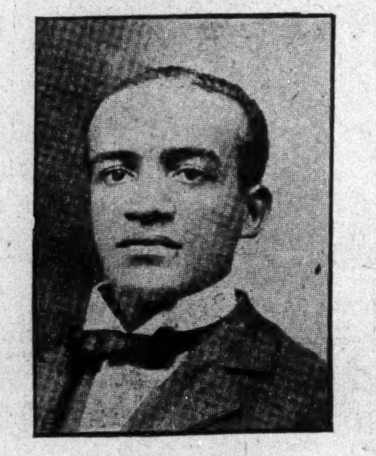
TSE FIRST OF A SERIES OF DR. PARKHURST'S ARTICLES.

By SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst has just showed us by the first of a series of articles in the Hearst newspapers that he is really a brainy man and one who has more common sense at a moment's notice than many Senators and politicians have in a year. The first thing he hit upon was lawlessness, and that was the very thing and the most important topic of the day. The United States of America today is absolutely without civil protection. This may sound shoddy to a city person who has never traveled, and yet it is so true that lawlessness has reached a state where men of rank and in different classes of life are cautiously afraid of each other. Dr. Parkhurst points out that American people are unconcerned about things that should interest them the most. He says the people complain about the newspapers being full of burglaries and murders, but give the misdeeds and the general state of morals which causes such things to exist no consideration whatever.

Of course, he says, a man runs away with his neighbor's wife, or a woman tires of her husband and settles the thing in court. This phase of life, says Dr. Parkhurst, concerns everybody else, for it affords a symptom of the prevailing tone of life. In speaking of President Roosevelt, he says we have been wild in our admiration of him, but now we are showing symptoms of being quite irrational, and we are almost as disposed as the French and Irish to serve dispossess proceedings on our intelligence and to frame our judgment at the impulse of passion.

Then Dr. Parkhurst gives us this important logic: He (President Roosevelt) has thrown a dam across some streams of bad tendency. He has had a lot of heart. Some may feel that the country may be safer when he is out among the elephants and the anacondas, but we love him in a way that we cannot quite get over, and hope that if the panthers get a taste of him they will leave enough of him uneaten to enable him to get back to America well and happy. Dr. Parkhurst thinks that Mr. Roosevelt will not be given a place with Washington and Lincoln, but will receive a best place in history. But here I must differ with the Doctor. I think that Roosevelt will receive the third place in history absolute. Many people of the colored race, naturally, will not admit a valuable estimation of Mr. Roosevelt. The whole thing regarding the colored soldiers was an error of the War Department, in keeping them in a bad climate where now they can be stationed at West Point in luxury, mingling with the cadets and treated with equal civility by the citizens. And if the truth is known of Brownsville, no newspaper has ever had the courage to record that the act of the soldiers was well warranted, and the President, knowing this, was justified in turning them out.


SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

It is hard for some people to admit that it will be a long, stormy day before such a great man as President Roosevelt has proved himself to be, will be seen in public life again. Dr. Parkhurst, in commenting on the Jewish convention at Philadelphia says: "All the Gentiles ought to be interested in it," and adds this: "It is a little late to have our judgments handicapped by racial preference, and in a country like our own it is true that we all learned to look upon one another with a fraternal eye." This point is of the greatest of value to the colored people of America, but there were other parts in the subject in reference to Russia in which the Doctor has seriously taught America.

THE GOING OUT OF ROOSEVELT AND THE COMING IN OF TAFT.

(Inauguration Day.)

By SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

The Roosevelt war is over,
  The Taft war 'll now commence—
Taft's record as a rover
  Will have its recompense.
Some one must steer the craft,
  At the going out of Roosevelt
And the coming in of Taft.

The colored population
  At Washington, D. C.,
And from all over creation
  Will be on hand to see,
In front and in the aft,
  At the going out of Roosevelt
And the coming in of Taft.

The great inauguration!
  Yes, on a royal plan,
The mixing of the nation
  From every State and land,
Corypheus and the shaft—
  At the going out of Roosevelt
And the coming in of Taft.

The Roosevelt speech of speeches,
  The Taft golf-sticks in piles;
Teddy in African breeches
  And Taffy all wreathed in smiles;
And everybody laughed—
  At the going out of Roosevelt
And the coming in of Taft.

When Taft gets in the White House,
  Roosevelt will sail away;
The African lion and the little mouse
  Will be his only prey.
Toot! goes the Roosevelt raft—
  At the going out of Roosevelt
And the coming in of Taft.

FRENCH LICK, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Helen and Jack, the infant children of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Taylor, have recovered from bronchial pneumonia.....Geo. Jones has located his Dry Cleaning Establishment in the Smith-Cave building..... Clarence Thurman has opened a shoe repair shop in connection with Robert Holden, representing Anderson Bros. Tailoring Co., of Chicago.....Lee Babbage is busy with his news and parcel delivery.....Tyler Martin, who spent a winter in the Bermuda Islands, and sometime East, has returned.....Bud Martin, the original renovator of clothing, is doing the usual business of the local hotels.....Ben Johnson has charge of the dining hall of the Brown Hotel.....Chas. Morton has returned from Frankfort, Ky. ....Mrs. Carrie Fields and daughter Virginia spent a week in Indianapolis..... Robert Shirley has returned from Indianapolis.....Mrs. Joseph Williams, with the aid of the willing workers, presented "The Old Maids Convention," Saturday evening at the K. of P. Hall for the benefit of the Baden Baptist Church.....Mrs. Wm. M. Scott has established her Modiste Parlor in the Smith-Cave building.....Mrs. Sanford of Rockport, Ind., spent the week here with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. H. Taylor. ....Mrs. Clarence Thurman is visiting in Louisville.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

One of the striking features of last week's entertainments was the four sessions of the mock convention given under the auspices of the Missionary Society of St. James A. M. E. Church. The Iowa Conference ought to feel highly complimented by having such an enthusiastic and willing worker as Mrs. Belle Graves at the head of the Mite Missionary Society.....The members of Pilgrim Baptist Church are highly elated over the outcome of their Pipe Organ Rally, in which $1,508.52 was raised on Sunday, February 21, 1908. Great credit is due Mrs. W. T. Francis who brought in over $700, Mrs. W. D. Carter over $400, also Mesdames Minor, Hart, Hall, Hood, High and J. H. Hickman, Sr., brought in neat sums of money. Rev. W. D. Carter has, during his nine years pastorship of this church, made it the most prominent Negro church in the State.....Mr. J. H. Burrell was taken back to the hospital last week. ....Mrs. J. H. Dillingham fell and dislocated her shoulder. She is improving..... Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lowery have returned from the west and are residing with Mrs. Chas. Allen of Rondo street.....James Mallery fell on the icy sidewalk and sprained his leg.....Rev. J. M. Warton, of Minneapolis will have charge of the revival meetings of St. James Church.

PERU, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Lillian Raiety returned home after a two weeks visit with her grandfather in French Lick, Sunday.....Mose Woodis, one of the four gaints who is ill, is slightly improving. ....Bessie Worthing of Marion, Ind., visited Lillian Bailey over Monday of last week. ....Messrs. Carl and Leon Perkins, Gustavi and John Kennedy, Earl Brown, H. Bush, Ira and Victor Roberts, and Mr. Birden of Kokomo, were guests at the dance Monday night of last week.....George Dickson, Wilbur Honsar and Miss Houser, Miss Lee and Miss Hioth, of Marion, Ind., were also guests of Peru Monday night..... Emanuel Collins of Indianapolis, was a guest of the gaints dance. He and Mrs. Julia Turner, his niece, had the grand march.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

C. Hitchcock gave a party February 22. A large number were present. Light refreshments were served.....F. C. Dungill and C. Jones were in Battle Creek Sunday. ....The A. M. E. Church are having a revival meeting which will last a few weeks. ....Solomon Jones entertained a few of his friends at his home on Porter Street Sunday afternoon.....Mrs. N. Bowlin, who had an operation performed last week, is getting better. She will soon be taken to her home on Amperse Avenue.....Rev. W. Simpson was called to Minnesota on important business saturday. Rev. C.R | ETA ET ETA ness Saturday.....Rev. C. Dungill will preach in his place while he is away..... A. Harris of Battle Creek was in Kalamazo Sunday night.....Mrs. Geo. Singer will leave for Jackson, Mich., Saturday afternoon, where she will visit friends.....L. Lane of Cassoplias, Mich., is visiting in the city.....Miss Bradley gave a sleigh party last week. Refreshments were served at her home.

GYPSY SMITH.

The evangelist Gypsy Smith, who is doing such a great work along evangelical lines, has had a wonderful experience. In the first place, he was a real gypsy—strolled over England in his father's caravan, doing the things incident to the life of the tent. He says he has not forgotten this phase of his earlier life; he uses it as a sort of treasure-house on which to draw rich and apt examples by illustrating his pulpit utterances.

He does not think the pulpit is the place for ignorance. His struggle for education, and his effort not to appear ignorant, is pathetically told by him and should be an incentive to others who feel under the spell, the divine injunction to serve—spiritually prepared, literally unfitted. The Negro race of America is filled with such examples; many have made good as Gypsy Smith, learning their a, b. "ab" when in their teens. Says he, "I used to read on slowly until I came to a big word, and then, instead of having a shot at pronouncing it, I would pause and make a little comment, taking care to resume my reading on the other side of the big word."

Most self-made men are rich in the experiences cited by Gypsy Smith; but many are not nearly so frank as he. He, however, can afford to speak of the hindrances in his life, since he has so gloriously overcome them all. That he rested neither night or day until he overcame them is example for others who were denied opportunity for early education. He would bring everything to bear by way of knowledge into the promulgation of the gospel, sending the truths home by the means. He prefers simplicity and directness, a speech that is clean, void of slang—it is the secret of his success—together with that high spiritualism which in itself is contagious. Backed up by wide experience and knowledge and discretion, and we have the evangelist that goes through the world as a whirlwind, gathering up whatsoever he comes in contact with.

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"We have disfranchised every Negro we could under the fifteenth amendment, and the only instrumentality available was to reqlire an educational qualification. There is now an agitation in South Carolina for compulsory education. That would mean a heavy burden to provide more schools, which the white taxpayers would have to bear, and there could be no discrimination against the Negro on account of race or color. Hence we would present the spectacle of educating the Negro at a very heavy expense to hurry forward the contest for supremacy between the two races as soon as we should have given them the necessary qualifications to vote, and be undoing what we found absolutely necessary to preserve our civilization."

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Tommy Burns is expected in this country in May.

The Indianapolis team will travel 8,071 miles this year.

We would like to hear from Toole and Thompson of St. Louis.

If it had been left to the mayor of Indianapolis, we would have had Sunday baseball.

Baloon races will be seen here this summer. Carl G. Fisher of the Fisher Automobile Company will promote the races.

Tony Ross has been substituted for Jim Barry to meet Marvin Hart in a 20-round bout before the West Side Athletic Club in New Orleans, March 12.

Charles Olson of this city, light heavyweight champion wrestler, and Yusseff Mahmout, the "Terrible Turk," will wrestle next month at Tomlinson Hall.

The A. B. C. squad is getting together and it is expected that there will be a lot of new material to try out when the weather will allow spring practice.

Johnny Hayes, who won the Marathon race in the Olympic games last year, and who has since been deefated in a like race by Dorando Pietri, has posted a forfeit of $1,000 to meet the Italian again. Dorando defeated a relay team of four in Indianapolis recently.

The Indianapolis A. A. baseball park is now completed after undergoing recontsruction. It is now the most beautiful and largest park in the minor league. The seating capacity is 20,000. The Indianapolis players expect to repeat last year's trick and carry Carr's warriors to the top of the bunch.

The Leland Giants expect to carry off honors this coming season. With an unusually strong pitching staff and a fast infield, as well as an outfield of a good fielding average, the Lelands will play ball equal to that of the big league nines. The team will take a trip south for spring practice and will be in fine shape when they open their season April 28.

The champion Marathon runner of the world is Tom Longboat, the fleety, tireless Indian. The champion heavyweight pugilist of the world is Jack Johnson, a powerful, scientific and skillful Negro fighter. Here are two world's championships, one held by a red man and the other by a black man, that were in the possession of the white race when they won these titles. The yellow race is a strong contender for the wrestling title.

As it is today, Americans hold the five world's champions of boxing. The featherweight and lightweight titles are in danger; J. Driscoll and F. Welsh, both of England, are in this country to carry these two titles home, if possible. Driscoll recently got the better of Abe Attell, featherweight champion, in a no-decision bout. Welsh says he will claim the lightweight championship title if Battling Nelson, the present champion, refuses to fight him. These two will prabably settle this question.

Fred D. Ellis and Sol White of Brooklyn, N. Y., are making arrangements for a benefit to be given at Meyerrose Park during the spring, about the middle of April. The exact date is not yet known, but it will be published later. This benefit will be for Bud Fowler, the veteran baseball player, who is ill and in destitute circumstances at the home of his sister in Frankfort, N. Y. Subscriptions for Fowler are being received by Mr. Ellis at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Daily Eagle and by The Freeman. Every baseball player and fan should rally to this worthy cause and donate as liberally as possible to the fund.

The spring basket ball tournament opened at the Y. M. C. A. Monday night. Four teams will contest for the championship. The sporting editor of The Freeman will act in the capacity of referee during the tournament. An athletic carnival will be held at the association building March 19. There is much interest manifested in the coming event and the boys have been in training for the last two weeks. The program will consist of three boxing contests, two wrestling matches, high jump, weight lifting, running, parallel bars exhibition and a basket ball game. Henry Henderson, Harrison Mays and H. W. Jackson compose the committee who are promoting the carnival.

BOXING AT TERRE HAUTE.

Mayor Lyons has given his consent for boxing exhibitions, and the first one will be held March 17. The principals have not been selected as yet, but Ray Bronson and Julius Stein may be in the main bout.

FIRST BASEBALL GAME.

Special to The Freeman.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The first baseball game of the season in this part of the State was played last Monday at Lake Indiana between the team of that place and the nine from Richland. The Richland Browns won, 8 to 6.

AGAINST SUNDAY BASEBALL.

Special to The Freeman.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The crusade against Sunday baseball anticipated by the Southern League officials, in view of many reforms enacted in Tennessee recently, has been started by drastic measures drawn by the Protestant Ministers' Association, to be forwarded to the Legislature now in session. All forms of Sabbath amusement are attacked.

NEW YORK GIANTS PLAY.

Special to The Freeman.

MARLIN SPRINGS, Tex.—In the first real baseball game of the season, Manager McGraw's team was defeated by an aggregation of Giant players in a six-inning game by a score of 2 to 1.

All kinds of killing stunts were pulled off by the rival factions. Fletcher at third and Schaefer at short astonished all present by their clever work for the winners.

HAYNES WITH LELANDS.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO.—Special.—E. W. Haynes will be on the Leland Giants' pitching staff this season. He expects to be in the best possible shope. Haynes pitched for the Chicago Unions last season and won fifteen of the twenty games he pitched, which is an unusually good record. He has played on some of the best teams that travel out of Chicago. Haynes is expected to be a strong factor in the Lelands winning the pennant in the Chicago league.

INDIAN WON MARATHON.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Lewis Tewanina, the Carlisle Indian, in one of the finest exhibitions of long-distance running ever seen here, won the 20-mile Marathon at the City Park track on Washington's birthday in 2:10:54 2-5. S. A. Mellor Jr., of Yonkers, N. Y., who led up to the eighteenth mile, finished second; Joe Forshow of St. Louis finished third after holding that place all through the race, while Leo Fincke of New Orleans ran a good fourth, and Sidney Hatch of Chicago, who had been lapped, won fifth place. There were 24 entries.

TO PLAY ST. LOUIS TEAM.

Special to The Freeman.

GREENVILLE, Tex.—Special.—T. M. Holloway, manager of the local baseball team, has arranged for a series of games with a St. Louis team. The games will be played in this city about the first of May. Toole and Thompson are the managers of the St. Louis boys.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Special.—Manager Burke of the Chattanooga baseball team is optimistic in regard to the prospects of his squad. He is well known in the diamond circles of the South and boasts of having an extraordinarily fast and strong team the coming season. "We are going to play winning baseball thsi season; we ask no odds. We are exceedingly anxious to take on some of the fastest teams of the country and will give immediate reply to managers asking for games with our team."

The Chattanooga boys, Burke says, are taking gymnasium exercises daily so as to be in the best condition possible when spring practice sets in. Indoor work has been the preliminary work for the teams in the future and it has proved to be valuable in many respects. The "Chatt's" headquarters are at 1801 Harrison avenue.

CAN KETCHEL BEAT JOHNSON?

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—"Stanley Ketchel can beat Jack Johnson if I can get them in the ring together."

This was the opinion expressed by Willus Britt, manager of Ketchel, before departing for Grand Rapids to arrange for details of the bout between Ketchel and O'Brien, which is carded for Philadelphia in the near future.

"Stanley has it over Johnson," said Britt. "He can hit a hard blow and I can't see that there is much difference in the power behind the punch of a first-class middleweight and an ordinary class heavyweight. I can't see that Johnson is such a wonder. He is a good strong fellow and all that, but I don't size him up as a world-beater."

COLORED BASEBALL LEAGUE TO BE ORGANIZED

Indianapolis May Have Team in the Circuit—Season to Commence in May.

Special to The Freeman.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Articles of incorporation were filed by the Colored Baseball and Park Association, with a capital stock of $5,000. The purpose will be to organize a circuit of Negro clubs with Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, Cairo, Paducah, Louisville, Indianapolis, and possibly other towns. The season will commence in May and end in September. A meeting will be held in Chicago later.

LOCAL OPTION IN TEXAS.

Special to The Freeman.

AUSTIN, Tex.—A compromise in the way of local option may be reached between the supporters and opponents of the anti-racetrack betting bill now pending in the Legislature at the meeting of the Senate committee which has the bill under consideration. It may be agreed to let each county where racing is held determine for itself whether betting shall be allowed. A sub-committee was appointed to confer with the Attorney-General regarding the constitutionality of a measure of this kind and the committee was instructed to report.

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St. Louis	Houston, Tex.
Philadelphia	New Orleans, La.
Washington	Galveston, Tex.
New York	Macon, Ga.
Boston	Hot Springs, Ark.

SHOULD BE PROUD OF JOHNSON.

To the Sporting Editor:

Although it has been nearly two months since Jack Johnson wrested the world's heavyweight title from Tommy Burns, the sporting element among the white race has not as yet recovered from the shock of having to acknowledge Jack Johnson the undisputed champion of all champions. As a matter of fact, when Jeffries was in the ring he was criticized for not meeting Johnson, the same as was Burns. Now, as Burns and Johnson have settled the question of supremacy, and as Johnson followed Burns half way around the world to get a battle with him as well as sacrifice the lion's share of the purse, no matter which way the battle went, to show the public that he was Burns' master, and, after having defeated him, stands ready to defend his title against any man on the face of the globe.

The sporting public should not only give Johnson the credit that is due him, but should be proud that at last they have what they have clamored for for several years, a bona fide champion.

Jackson J. Stovall.

SHRUBB DEFEATS PIETRI.

Special to The Freeman.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Alfred Shrubb, the English long-distance runner, beat Dorando Pietri, the Italian champion, in a heart-breaking 15-mile race in the Seventy-fourth Regiment Armory on the 26th. The Englishman won by two and a half laps, the track being nine laps to the mile. At the last mile Shrubb had a lead of three laps, but Dorando cut it down by a terrific sprint. Shrubb's time was 1:24:06 4-5; Dorando's time was 1:25:31-2-5.

An immense crowd saw the start of the race. Shrubb shot into the lead at once and at the end of the first mile had a lead of a half a lap. Time, 4:49 2-5. Three laps before the end of the second mile Shrubb had a lead of a lap, which he held at two miles. Dorando tried his best to keep up with the Englishman, but was outsprinted.

Shrubb started another sprint just after the third mile and despite Dorando's game effort, at the fifth mile post he had lost another lap.

EX-CHAMPIONS.

By Jackson J. Stovall.

The public may talk about her ex-champions,
From Sullivan down the line;
Some may say that James J. Jeffries
Was the greatest in his time;
But many overlook the present champions rare pugilistic skill,
Who carries a punch in either mitt
That lands where'er he wills.

When John L. Sullivan was in the ring
He won his battles quick,
Till he met the clever Corbett,
Who neatly turned the trick.
After twenty-one rounds of fighting,
"Sully" lay helpless on the floor;
He took his defeat gamely,
He knew his fighting days were o'er.

Then Corbett met Fitzsimmons at far-away Carson City,
What lanky Bob did to Jim
Certainly was a pity;
He landed on the solar-plexus,
It was a right-hand punch, I believe,
With a look of agony on his face
Jim slowly sank to his knees.

Two years later Fitz met Jeff
Down at Coney Isle;
The mighty Jeff beat lanky Bob
By a country mile;
And when the eleventh round was fought,
The crowd began to shout—
Jeff had crossed Fitz with his left
And knocked the champion out.

Tommy Burns succeeded Jeffries
And sat on the pugilistic throne,
Till his desire for European honors
Caused him to sail away from home,
With Johnson trailing him to Europe
And challenging him from time to time;
On British soil the astute Tommy
Could no longer draw the color line.

They finally met in far-away Australia,
The result the public knows:
That Burns went down in defeat
Before Johnson's crushing blows.
The first Negro heavyweight champion
In the history of the ring,
Which is, in my opinion, a pretty big thing.

Johnson is a clever lad,
Just in his prime;
He bars no man on the face of the globe
Nor draws the color line!
He certainly is the daddy now.
The giant Texan stands supreme,
He is a real live champion,
And that's nobody's dream.

CAREER OF BOB FITZSIMMONS.

A Great Fighter in His Day—Last Fight with Champion Johnson.

Fitzsimmons is a native of Cornwall, where he was born in 1862, and commenced his boxing career as an amateur in New Zealand in 1880. His first appearance was at a tournament promoted by Jem Mace, and he defeated four men, winning the amateur championship of New Zealand. In another tournament, in 1881, he defeated five men in one night.

Amongst the men he defeated in Australia, after becoming a professional, were Crawford, Bill Slavin, Starlight, Arthur Cooper, Jack Murphy, Brinsmead, Jack Greentree, Dick Sandow, Conway, West, Pablo Frank, Jack Riddle, Eager, and Dick Ellis; but he was beaten at Sydney in 1890 by Jim Hill.

Fitzsimmons in 1890 came to America, where he met and defeated in succession Billy McCarthy (9 rounds), Arthur Upham (5 rounds), Jack Dempsey (13 rounds), Abe Congle (2 rounds), Black Pearl (4 rounds), Peter Maher (12 rounds), James Ferrell (2 rounds), Joe Godfrey (1 round), Jerry Slattery (2 rounds), Millard Zender (1 round), Jim Hall (4 rounds), Phil Mayo (2 rounds), Jack Warner (1 round), and Jack Hickey (3 rounds). The victories over McCarthy, Black Pearl and Peter Maher were gained on points, but in each of the other contests he knocked his man out.

In June, 1904, he sustained his first defeat in three and a half years, Joe Choynski beating him at Boston in 5 rounds. After this he knocked out Frank Keller in 2 rounds, Dan Creedon in 2 rounds, Al Allish in 3 rounds, and Peter Maher in 1 round. He then lost on a foul to Tom Sharkey, knocked James J. Corbett out in 14 rounds, and was knocked out by Jim Jeffries in 11 rounds.

In his next five contests he knocked out Jeff Thorne (1 round), Jim Daly (1 round), Ed Dunkhorst (2 rounds), Gus Ruhlin (6 rounds), and Tom Sharkey (2 rounds). In 1902 he was again knocked out by Jim Jeffries, this time in 8 rounds. Victories over Con Coughlin (1 round) and George Gardner (20 rounds), and matches against Joe Grim and Jack O'Brien, in which no decision was given, were followed by a defeat at the hands of O'Brien, who knocked him out in 13 rounds.

Fitzsimmons' last contest was in July, 1907, with Jack Johnson, the present champion, and the Negro knocked him out in 2 rounds. Fitzsimmons was then 45 years of age.

TO MEET PACKEY AFTER WELSH.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—James W. Coffroth, the Colma fight promoter, has not despaired of matching Batling Nelson and Packey McFarland, but the match will not come off until after the Dane has faced Freddie Welsh, the British lightweight, who just now is running a close second to the Hegewisch lad. When Packey ran out of his match with Hyland and openly announced that he cannot longer make ringside weight, Coffroth feared that all hopes of ever getting Nelson and McFarland together were gone, but the Dane, confident that he can whip the Chicago boy, gave James encouragement when he wired that he would fight Packey after he had trimmed Welsh and Johnny Thompson.

"When I trim Welsh and Thompson I will consent to take McFarland on at 133 pounds at 3 o'clock," is the wire Bat sent to Coffroth from his ranch in Obar, N. M.

JEANNETTE GETS DECISION.

First Report Stated that Sam McVey Was the Victor.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK.—According to a cablegram received from Paris, the 20-round battle between Joe Jeannette and Sam McVey, on the 23d, really ended in favor of Jeannette. The cablegram says that Jeannette lost the decision, but that it was first given to him by referee Watson of London, who later reversed himself and awarded the bout to McVey on points. There was a big uproar on the part of the crowd, which was a record-breaking one, but the decision stood, and McVey was declared the winner.

The cablegram further says that the Paris papers all favor Jeannette and claim that he was entitled to the decision.

STEALING LITTLE TRAINING.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Chicago fans who know Batling Nelson and who are watching his movements declare he is secretly training for a fight in which he will defend his title as lightweight champion of the world. They cite his trip to New Mexico as proof of these assertions. One fight enthusiast who knows Nelson well puts it this way:

"Every time Nelson decides to go into the ring with somebody he makes one of these trips to his ranch at Obar, N. M. While there he boils out, takes off weight in the hot climate, and then jumps to the coast, fit and ready for a battle, and generally contrives to get somebody into a match on short notice. Nelson is planning to fight March 17, and intends to take off weight in New Mexico before he signs articles with anybody. Nelson weighed about 150 pounds when he left here. He will take most of this stuff off before he agrees to fight. The Dane is shrewder than most people think."

WILL NOT RETIRE FOR YEAR.

Bat Nelson Wants Big End of Purse to Meet Freddie Welsh.

Special to The Freeman.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—If Batling Nelson stands by a statement made by him, the chances are that before another year has passed the present world's lightweight champion will have gone into actual retirement.

Since Nelson arrived in Los Angeles last week he has been buttonholed on every corner and had the same question, "Will you fight again?" harped into his ears. The Batler's general answer has been that he was ready and willing to re-enter the ring "if shown enough money."

"I must have $15,000, win, lose or draw, for my end when I meet Freddie Welsh," said Nelson. "This proposition is open to the promoters of the country only till next Fourth of July. If it is not accepted by that time, I will increase my demand to $20,000. The latter sum will then be the only figure that will induce me to fight again. The promoters will then have until next September 9 to do business with me on this $20,000 basis. September 9 is my 'anniversary' day and unless I have been signed up by this time I will announce my retirement. When I battle again, I will have everything to lose and nothing to gain, so far as honors are concerned; therefore only the larger amount of money named by me before will induce me to fight."

BOXING QUESTION IN SYDNEY.

Special to The Freeman.

SYDNEY, N. S. W.—Special.—The Chief Secretary, Mr. Wood, has stated that he had seen statements made concerning another meeting between Burns and Johnson. "I can give you my assurance," Mr. Wood said, "that no fight will take place in New South Wales between Johnson and Burns in the near future. If any effort on the part of their backers is made to bring about such a contest, the police will interfere, and instructions have been given to the police in such a contingency to prosecute the principals."

The situation, added the Chief Secretary, called for the serious consideration of the Government. There were two or three points that appeared to him would have to be carefully kept in mind. In the first place, it was highly undesirable that boxing as a form of physical activity and moral training should be prohibited or in any way discouraged. On the other hand it was imperative that steps should be taken to prevent so-called boxing contests developing into contests of sheer brutality, which distressed onlookers rather than entertained them. The so-called in fighting was brutal and should be eliminated. It would be a question for the Government to consider as to whether boxing could not be made more satisfactory than at present from the standpoint of true boxing and decent conduct. This could be done probably by increasing the weight of the gloves used. He thought it was highly undesirable that Sydney should correspond to the Pacific slope of America as the settling ground for every phase of pugilistic undertaking, no matter how low it might be in character.

SUMMERS GETS DECISION.

Jimmy Britt Takes Defeat, but Thinks He Is the Better Man.

Special to The Freeman.

LONDON.—Johnny Summers, the English lightweight, got a decision over Jimmy Britt of California in their 20-round bout at the National Sporting Club on the 23d. The fight was under the new rules, which practically prohibit infighting, giving Summers a decided advantage over the Californian. Neither man showed any sign of punishment at the end of the bout.

After the decision was announced, Britt made a speech, saying:

"This is not the first fight I've lost. I have no complaint to make, but I still think I'm the best man."

There is some likelihood of a return match, as each man has now one decision over the other to his credit. Britt had expected to challenge Batling Nelson for the lightweight championship of the world if he had won this fight.

A big crowd was present, there being great interest in the bout, owing to the lively fight these two men put up last November. On that occasion the contest was a 10-round affair and Britt was the victor. In the last fight, Summers got the decision on points.

WASHINGTON, D. C., GETS THE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Miss Nannie Burroughs, of Louisville, Ky., the well-known worker among women, has concluded that Washington, D. C., is the place for the proposed National Training School for Colored Girls. It will be remembered that Miss Burroughs thought very much of selecting Indianapolis at one time for the distinguished honor. But it appears that the people on whom she depended for success were too indifferent. So far the institution has six acres of land and a ten-room house. A $75,000 building is promised in the near future.

In our opinion, this city made a mistake in not seizing the opportunity of securing the school. It would have proved very helpful to colored girls, giving them a chance for a training that don't just come, as some seem to think. The many things by way of occupation that can be the outgrowth of such an institution are too numerous to mention. We will yet learn that the acquisition of any kind of concern that promises the betterment of some few or many is to be appreciated. If the direct result of the lack of such institutions is not sufficiently manifest to suggest the cause, none the less the result will be a part of the sum total of those things which make for race obstruction. In other words, the result will be none the less because the cause is not so readily known.

The College Heights Investment proposition should not be overlooked by our women. Take advantage of the opportunity to buy a home, or to invest in this as a money-maker. Several women have already bought homes and others should follow the example. It costs but a postal to learn the particulars. Write to day and learn the the advantages.

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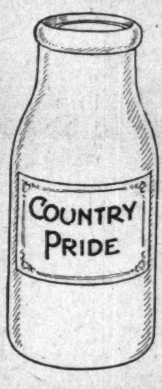

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

William Foster, of Chicago, was in the city last week on business.

Mrs. Ora Dunlop is seriously ill at her home at Fayette and St. Clair streets.

The Woman's Club will meet Monday with Mrs. Naomi Cook, in North Missouri street.

George W. Chivis passed through the city Saturday night en route to Washington, D. C.

James Lewis was called to Bloomington, Ind., Thursday on account of the death of his brother Perry.

Elwood Knox and Archie Greathouse are seeing the sights at Washington and "doing" the inauguration.

The funeral of Rafe Smith, who died at Detroit, took place at Haughville during the week. He leaves a widow.

Capt. Walter Howard Loring, conductor of the Philippine Constabulary Band, was a caller at The Freeman office Friday.

Mrs. Cassie Downs will come from Chicago and Mrs. Arthur Goines from Elkhart to-day to visit Mrs. Charles W. Brown.

D. M. Turner, general agent for the Supreme Manufacturing Company, of Vincennes, Ind., was in the city this week in the interest of the firm.

W. K. Smith, District Superintendent of Nashville, Tenn., Conference, was called to the city on account of the death of James Smith, 227 Middle street.

The Misses Laura and Eliza Chambers left during the week to join their father, Rev. W. H. Chambers, at Newberne, N. C. The family will join him later.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Edmondson have removed to their new home, 1847 Draper street. It is among the several pretty homes on the South Side.

An "inaugural" reception was given Thursday evening by the young women of the Y. C. W. P. A., at the home, 635 Blake street. The hours were from 8 to 11.

The "Lochinvars" Club was entertained last week by Miss Olive Roundtree. The club was entertained this week by Miss Lina Brown, in North California street.

Miss Cecil Thomas, of Paris, Ill., is visiting Miss Nettie Thomas in West Seventeenth street. Mrs. Kate Bell entertained in her honor Monday evening at her home in North Senate avenue.

The Woman's Missionary Board of the Witherspoon United Presbyterian Church will hold a special meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday afternoon. Rev. D. F. White will address the meeting.

Mrs. Bertha Smith Brown, of New York city, who has been visiting relatives in this city for some time, has returned to her home by way of Washington, D. C., where she witnessed Taft's inauguration.

Mrs. M. A. McCurdy, of Richmond, a temperance worker well known throughout the State, will address the meeting at Allen Chapel to-morrow night, with a view to organizing a W. C. T. U. in this church.

Miss Mary Childs, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Parker, met with a painful accident last week at her home in Puryear street, by falling on a hot register and being severely burned. She is improving slowly.

Miss Kittie B. Hadley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hadley, was married at the home, 1865 Draper street, Wednesday evening of last week. Rev. Charles Williams officiated. They will live at 1728 Lockwood street.

The Browning Club will meet this evening with Mrs. G. W. Cable, in North West street. "Emerson" will be the theme of the evening's program. Miss Charity Dye, of Shortridge High School, will address the club. Each memver is privileged to invite one guest.

To-morrow will be rally day at Bethel A. M. E. Church. Each member will be expected to pay in $1 toward the church indebtedness. The pastor, the Rev. G. H. Shaffer, who has been confined to his home by illness, will preach to-morrow. The choir will giv ea special song service at night.

The Y. C. W. P. A. will hold vesper services Sunday, March 7, at Shiloh Baptist Church, corner Walnut and West streets, at 3.30 sharp. Special music by the Choral Club, and address by Miss Daisy D. Walker, subject, "Taking Men Alive."

Miss Mamie Hunter, accompanied by Miss Grace Reed, of Dublin, Ind., left for Washington, D. C., during the week to attend the inaugural ceremonies. They will be the guests of Mrs. W. T. Vernon while at Washington, and will also visit Bishop and Mrs. J. H. Handy at Baltimore before returning.

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PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF JUNIOR ENDEAVOR.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of Bethel A. M. E. Church is arranging a novel and interesting entertainment to be given Wednesday evening, March 10. There will be a public installation of the newly elected officers, also a program, which promises to surpass the usual entertainment program. Unique souvenirs are being offered for sale, which entitle the holder to admission to the program and to supper without further cost.

RALLYING TO THEIR PASTOR.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Simpson Chapel is arranging to hold a public mass meeting at the church to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The principal speakers will be Mrs. Joshua R. Stansfield and Mrs. Lizey, of Meridian Street Church. There will be a duet by Misses Nora Roberts and Flora Harper. Also, on the second Sunday, March 14, the stewardesses of the church have invited the congregations of the other Methodist churches to join them in a large meeting to be held in the afternoon. This will be the closing rally for the conference year, and they hope to raise means with which to liquidate all obligations to the pastor, Rev. J. S. Bailey. Mrs. Alice McGowan is general chairman of the committee.

DEATHS IN THE CITY.

An unusually large number of deaths have taken place recently among Colored people of this city. Persons ranging in age from infants to 102 years furnish the list, among whom have been Mrs. Sarah Richardson, who died suddenly at her home in West Walnut street, Saturday evening, a few moments after entertaining friends in apparently good health. She was the wife of John Richardson, and was fifty years old. Jerry Williams, a wellkonwn man, died after a brief illness at his home in Bright street. He was a member of Pride of the West Lodge of K. of P. His funeral occurred at Blackford Street Church, Wednesday. Charles R. Miller died suddenly Sunday, at his home. He was fifty-nine years of age. He belonged to Lincoln Union Lodge of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Susan Clark, 102 years of age, died Wednesday at the home of her daughter in West Tenth street. John Taylor, who formerly lived in Martindale avenue, was brought to the city for burial from Marion, where he died at the Soldiers' Home.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Rev. George D. Wolfe, pastor of Fletcher Place M. E. Church, will be the speaker at the "monster meeting" on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Wolfe is a splendid speaker to men, very witty, and his addresses are full of bright illustrations. The orchestra will render the following program beginning promptly at 3 P. M.: March, "Plumed Knight," St. Clar; waltz, "Love Land," Holzman; "The Birds and Brook," Stults, by G. W. Miller and orchestra; overture, "Bon Ami," Cuqua. All men are welcome.

The "100 in One Get Busy" campaign for members was the most successful campaign ever conducted by the Colored Y. M. C. A. When the week came to an end, instead of having 100 new members, there were reported 168, thus throwing upon the Board of Directors and the General Secretary the responsibility of the largest association among the Colored men in the world. By a majority vote of the captains the campaign was continued for another week, in order that the membership might be made solid, and to that end the captains and men are hustling.

The Boys' Club of the Colored Y. M. C. A. was started on last Tuesday, and is proving very popular with the boys. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 15 can become a member. The hours at the building will be from 7 to 8. On Monday and Friday gymnasium classes will be conducted. Tuesday evening, Bible study. Wednesday will be club night, and Thursday social night. Mothers and fathers, send your boys to the building any night except Saturday, from 7 to 8.

Dr. W. E. Brown will address the "Life Problems" Club on next Wednesday, at 8:15; subject, "The Relation of the Spiritual and Physical Natures." All men are invited and will be made welcome.

Dr. J. E. Moorland, of Washington, D. C., the International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work among the Colored men, is expected to be the speaker at the "monster meeting" on March 14. Let us have a big crowd.

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FILIPINO BAND IN INDIANAPOLIS.

The Philippine Constabulary Band was in Indianapolis last week, en route to Washington, D. C., where it took part in the inauguration parade.

"This is known as the great presidential tour of this band, as it was brought over from Manila to take part in the presidential inauguration ceremonies in Washington next week. The band is to remain in this country several months, giving concerts, and is engaged to give a return concert here in the summer, on its way to the coast. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kern had a box party, with William Jennings Bryan as one of the guests. Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison gave box parties, and there were many representative citizens and many musicians present.

"The men of the band are small and dark. They carried themselves with a military bearing, and wore a snug uniform of kahki cloth. The program was made up of numbers well liked generally, and the audience freely expressed its pleasure in hearing familiar national airs, and applauded generously during and after the stirring melodies. Capt. Walter Howard Loving is the conductor of the band, and he brought out telling effects in the climaxes with the full power of the eighty-six instruments. There are several soloists in the band. The leading one was Pedro B. Navarro, who played a brilliant divertissement for the piccolo. The fascinating "La Paloma" was an encore for the Paderewski "Minuet No. 1." The "Rose Mousse" waltz was much liked, as was the familiar overture to "William Tell." At the close the band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" with the entire audience standing.

"The band plays unusually well, and its work, while not so finely finished as that of some bands, has a vigor and life in it. There was a strong sentiment among the Filipino musicians when they heard that there was a statue of General Lawton in the city, and they wished to go to it. They paid their respects by playing "America." General Lawton was an Indiana soldier who lost his life at San Mateo, in the Philippine islands, and as the melody was played slowly, as one bystander said, "like a funeral march," the ffect was very impressive."

Y. C. W. P. A. NOTES.

"The Douglas Evening" at the Y. C. W. P. A. rooms was voted a complete success in every particular. The guests were delighted with the attractive appearance of the Home, improvements having recently been made which make it easily one of the most enjoyable institutions in the country supported for the benefit of the colored girl. A splenddi program was rendered. Music was furnished by Mrs. Lillian Booker, pianiste; Mrs. Bertha Lewis, soloist, and the Y. C. W. P. A. Choral Club. A paper by Miss Ellen Dean, "The Dreams of Dreaemrs," was not only pleasantly written, but teemed with thought. Symposium, "The Ideal of Fred Douglas," by Mrs. Lillian Jones Brown, Messrs. H. L. Saunders and Geo. L. Knox, inspired anew the audience with admiration and gratitude for the life of this grand old man. Perhaps no other persons could more appropriately have discussed the ideals for which he stood, since each of them is so successfully trying to live their own ideals. Mr. H. L. Saunders, "The Merchant Prince," having emancipated himself from poverty, and by his splendid business ability opened the door of opportunity to the many young people given employment in his store and factory, did well to discuss "The Practical Ideals for Which Douglas Stood;" Geo. L. Knox, with his superb physique, snow-white hair and race enthusiasm, was a splendid reminder of Douglas himself as he discussed "The Dreams and Oratory of Douglas," his own successful management of two business enterprises being the best evidence that he believed with Douglas that it is possible for dreamers to make their dreams come true. Indianapolis is justly proud of Mr. Knox, who, deprived of educational advantages in his youth, has compelled the fates to reward his efforts, the efforts of a self-made man, and each of his business interests takes second place to no one of his competitors.

It was left for Mrs. Lillian Jones Brown, the wife, the mother and the teacher, to discuss "The Domestic Ideals of Douglas." No one who heard her will ever forget. In beautifully modulated tones she won the attention of her audience from the very first. She told of the noble, the true, the great in his life; she pictured his parentage, the one white, the other colored, and suggested the possibility of an inherited love for both races; reminded her hearers that he had lived a life to reflect credit upon both races, had associated freely with both, had won the admiration of both, and there was the strong likelihood that one so big in all else was too big for race prejudices. She begged the race to reserve judgment and think ever of the noble ideals for which he stood, closing with Dunbar's poem on "Douglas." She left her audience thoughtful and proud, proud of Douglas and proud of her.

Mr. Wm. Christy, who first purchased the present site of the Association home, told how he had struggled more than thirty years ago to save the money with which to make the investment, and how by economy and the denial of things unnecessary his taxes had increased from 75 cents per year to more than $100, and urged the young men to realize the tax-paying citizen counted for more in the development of a race than any number of fine clothes ever could.

After remarks by Miss Walker, thanking the participants and welcoming the guests to the Home, light refreshments were served and "The Douglas Evening" was over.

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Mrs. Joseph Ford, vice president of the Michigan Federation of Colored Clubs, is in the city for several weeks, as the guest of the Association. She is especially interested in work for girls and responded to an appeal from the membership to assist them during the "mile of dimes" campaign. There is no greater evidence of her love for the race than her willingness to leave her home at this season of the year and come forward to assist the young women who are now putting forth such an effort to raise funds for the benefit of the work.

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